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Fun Day entertains campus and community

By Sara Sutton
Staff Writer

Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! Face-painted ones, that is, as hundreds of faculty, staff and local community members came out this past Saturday to spend the afternoon on SU's campus for a day full of fun.

Fun Day is an annual event, free of charge, hosted by Salisbury University and geared toward family and educational fun. The theme this year was "Explore SU" and with over 100 events expanding across the whole campus there was literally something for everyone. Arts and crafts, sporting events, theater, music, inflatables and palm readings were some of the many activities in which participants could partake.

"We take the kids every year, they love it. The problem is there is too much to do!" joked local resident Mary Williams.

One highlight from this year's event was a special Renaissance focus on Holloway Hall lawn as the children cheered on their favorite knight in a live jousting competition. Wood chips flew as the knights fought a hard bat-

tle that lead to an epic sword fight. The winner was Dame Fiona of Orkney, played by Becca Cooper, who overcame two sword blows to finally knock down her opponent.

But if the 21st century is more your style, then the mountain bike stunt show by five-time national champion biker Mike Steidley was an excellent choice. He demonstrated the "ups and downs" of stunt cycling during two sessions on the Fun Day Green.

Other activities of the day ranged from live music by some of Salisbury's own staff with bands like Laurence Becker, Elvis Who?, and Pugsly, to the famous "Fire and Ice" demonstration by the SU Chemistry department. With a mixture of explosions and ice cream, what could be more fun?

"We want Fun Day to appeal to a wide variety of interests," said Betsy Rodier, Fun Day coordinator. "Families never know what they'll find moving from building to building and classroom to classroom. One room might have a candy sushi-making demonstration courtesy of University Dining Services, while right

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April Katsirubas photo

Freshmen and Catholic Campus Ministry members Amelia Willoughby and Suz Ury entertain local children at Fun Day 2008 on Saturday.

Jousting: Maryland's official state sport gallops onto campus with excitement

By Vanessa Junkin
Staff Writer

People of all ages gathered on the lawn in front of Holloway Hall this past Saturday to see something



Brett Morgan photo

Sir Devon Farrel of York, played by Scott Rodin, lances a ring held by Bill Hitchcock, a squire, at SU's Fun Day this past Saturday.

that's never been done at SU before — a jousting exhibition.

Fans filled the bleachers that were brought out for the show, as well as the grass area in front of them. This popular event was part of SU's Fun Day festivities for local families.

The jousters and other characters that were a part of the performance wore clothes like those of the Renaissance era and spoke in old-fashioned accents during the performance, which helped to set the

scene. The story of this knightly competition evolved during the show, which lasted for about a half-hour.

While on horseback, announcer William Sidney, played by Seth Holmes, told the audience at the beginning of the show that Sir

Devon Farrel of York, played by Scott Rodin, and Dame Fiona of Orkney, played by Becca Cooper, would be competing for the honor of the best knight.

To start off, the two opponents rode their horses around the jousting area and waved their flags so that the audience could get involved by cheering them on.

During the presentation, both Sir Devon Farrel and Dame Fiona kept riding the horses while taking part in the different jousting events, which included using lances to poke a wooden obstacle and then using the lances to pick up rings that squires held in the air.

After putting on armor helmets and fighting with wooden swords, the pair then battled with lances and metal swords.

The battle continued even after Dame Fiona fell off her horse, and after a little while of fighting on foot, Sir Devon Farrel went down and Dame Fiona was declared the champion by William Sidney.

When the show ended, children gathered around the three horses, where they had the chance to pet them.

The presentation was put on by Paragon Jousting, a traveling group from New York. Recently, the

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Brett Morgan photo

The Link of Nations houses a flag representing the country of origin for each international student.

SUCIE introduces Friends of International students

By Stacie Manger
Staff Writer

The SU Center for International Education is sponsoring "Friends of International Students," an organization designed to connect faculty and staff with students from other countries in order to share American culture and traditions.

"The main purpose of this is for faculty and staff to give these students a home," said Dayna Jost, graduate assistant of the SUCIE. "Someone who is older and has a family can offer a different perspective on life and this program gives them a chance to get involved."

The members involved are asked to share a birthday, holiday party or any other kind of family gathering with their student. The SUCIE will host an upcoming reception for the faculty and students to meet.

Salisbury University has over 60 international students, a fact that surprises many people. Jost said that

when she says the number, people look rather shocked because no one really notices how many international students attend the University.

Jost explains that when students from other countries come here they are trying to adjust on many levels. They are worried about school, making friends, fitting in and the language barrier, if they have one, she said.

The international students get to create friendships with the faculty and their families. The main benefit of the program is cross-cultural understanding.

"On the news and in classes we talk about American Foreign Policy and the upcoming elections," Jost said. "This program gives the students a chance to learn what that is about. We get to break down barriers and misperceptions of Americans and people from other countries."

People tend to have very strong views about people from other cultures and this organization is a way to

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Davis, Harris, Kratovil to debate in Holloway

By Matthew J. Harhai
Staff Writer

Next Tuesday, September 30, Maryland congressional candidates of the first district, Frank Kratovil, Andy Harris and Dr. Richard James Davis, will debate in Holloway Hall.

The three are jockeying for a spot in the House of Representatives. The debate is free and open to both students and the public.

The forum will start at 7 p.m. and will be moderated by Don Rush, Public Radio Delmarva's news manager.

The first congressional district of Maryland covers the entire Eastern Shore of Maryland and parts of

Anne Arundel, Hereford and Baltimore Counties, a total of 12 out of the 23 counties in Maryland.

Frank Kratovil is a Democrat from Stevensville. He was elected state's attorney for Queen Anne's County in 2003. In 1997 Kratovil was elected to the position of Assistant State's Attorney in Queen Anne's. In 1994 he became a judicial law clerk for the Circuit Court in Prince George's County. He then took a position as Assistant State's Attorney in Prince George's County, serving there until 1997.

Kratovil was elected President of the Maryland State's Attorney's Association in 2005. In 2006, Maryland's Court of Appeals elect-



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Frank Kratovil

ed him to the Court of Appeal's Standing Committee for Rules of Practice and Procedure.

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TUESDAY 9/23/08	WEDNESDAY 9/24/08	THURSDAY 9/25/08	FRIDAY 9/26/08	SATURDAY 9/27/08	SUNDAY 9/28/08	MONDAY 9/29/08
HIGH 73	HIGH 74	HIGH 72	HIGH 74	HIGH 74	HIGH 77	HIGH 76
MOSTLY SUNNY	PARTLY CLOUDY	FEW SHOWERS	SHOWERS	SHOWERS	SHOWERS	SUNNY
LOW 56	LOW 59	LOW 61	LOW 60	LOW 58	LOW 57	LOW 57

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Briefly Stated

'Financial Meltdown' Lecture
The Bellavance Honors Program's Mind Shrapnel 'n' Cookies series presents "Black Monday—Exploring the Current Financial Meltdown" with Dr. Arvi Arunachalam, Economics and Finance Department, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 23, in the Honors House classroom. After the losses, bailouts and maneuvers of various companies and governments, explore the markets and attempts to control the damage. The discussion will try to make sense of the current market meltdowns. Arunachalam has studied international markets and crises. Cookies and open discussion follow the presentation. The event is free and all members of the University and community are invited.

Learn Fencing
Gallant knights and noblemen alike were adept at swordplay during the Renaissance. SU brings the art of swordsmanship to the Holloway Hall Lawn with a four-day fencing demonstration series as part of its Renaissance fall cultural events series. Rain location is Caruthers Hall Auditorium. Demonstrations are 5-6 p.m. Mondays, September 22-October 13. Champion fencing expert Angela Herbert-Hodges instructs on beginning form, blade movement, targeting, showing of weapons and how to bout. Limited equipment is available for audience participation. Sponsored by the Office of Cultural Affairs, admission is free and the public is invited. For information call 410-219-2872.

Bernstein Award Competition Information
Meeting SU students have a chance to win \$5,000 to fund a new dance studio, biotech engineering firm, restaurant, preschool, or whatever business venture they dream of launching. The 2008-2009 Bernstein Award Competition will award \$5,000 to the best plan for a new business. The Bernstein Competition provides an opportunity for every Salisbury University student—regardless of major to develop a plan for the business of his or her dreams. Both individuals and groups are encouraged to enter. Students who would like to learn more about the competition and the campus resources available to help them create their plans are invited to an information meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 30th at 3:30 in Caruthers Hall 118.

International Students

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move past those perceptions and grow in knowledge. Children of the faculty and staff involved in the program also benefit from "Friends of International Students." They have the chance to meet someone from an entirely different culture at a young age, something that not everyone gets a chance to do as a child. The adults involved get the satisfaction and reward of being able to share their family life and traditions with the international students, just said. The organization also allows the staff and faculty to get to know each other more.

The Friends of International Students is only for faculty and staff and their families. However, if students want to get involved, there is an organization called "Conversation Partners." With this organization, the international and American students meet once a week for an hour to talk. "They can meet at Cool Beans or go for a walk somewhere just to talk to one another," just said. "The student from another country gets to practice his or her English while the American gets to learn about an entirely different culture. It's rewarding for both sides."

If anyone is interested in either organization, getting involved is very

Fun Day

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next door children may be learning to write their names in Chinese calligraphy."

"I saw people in a costume!" shouted 4-year-old Asari, a newcomer to the excitement of Fun Day. "It was a sea-ull!"

By design, the festival offers an interactive environment where children may experience things they have never tried before. "The activities keep the focus on education while sending a strong message that learning can be fun," Rodier said.

Hayrides and tours of the newly opened TEITC building gave participants a look at SU's award-winning campus. There was also a great turnout from the student clubs as they hosted craft tables and drinking booths all while promoting the many social organizations SU has to offer.

The local community was also involved in the festivities with the



Five-time national champion biker Mike Steidley demonstrates the "ups and downs" of stunt cycling Saturday on the Fun Day green.

Harris, Davis, Kratovil

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With the endorsement of incumbent first district Congressman Wayne Gilchrest, a Republican, Kratovil could likely garner many of his opponents' party members.

Kratovil's energy policy states that he is in favor of becoming energy independent. He says that it is time to "expand domestic oil production."

Andy Harris is a Republican from Cockeysville. A member of the Maryland General Assembly, he represents parts of Baltimore and Harford counties in the seventh Legislative District. He is the only physician serving in the state Senate. Harris has served at this post since 1998. He is currently on the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee and the Joint Committee on Health Care Delivery and Financing.

Harris served in the U.S. Naval Reserve Medical Corps from 1988 to the present and actively served during Operation Desert Storm.

Harris is an obstetric anesthesiologist at Johns Hopkins Hospital. He

also works as an Associate Professor of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine at Johns Hopkins.

Harris is endorsed by former Maryland Governor Bob Ehrlich, also a Republican.

Harris' energy policy states that he is in favor of a gas tax suspension from Memorial Day until Labor Day. He is also in favor of becoming energy independent and exploring domestic oil.

Dr. Richard Davis, a Libertarian, is a dentist operating a practice in Hurlock.

The debate should cover a wide range of the issues that are current in our nation and world today. Issues on the top of that list, most pertinent to the first district and the campaigns of the candidates, include balancing the federal budget, energy and alternative fuels, and the War in Iraq.

According to Politicker.com's Pindell Report, the race for Maryland's First Congressional District is the fifty-second most competitive U.S. House race.

A Democratic Congressional

Jousting

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Sarah Jacobs photo

Sir Devon Farrel and Dame Fiona battle with metal swords. Shortly thereafter, Dame Fiona fell off her horse and the fight ensued on foot.

Paragon troupe performed at The Great New York State Fair, and Rodin noted that they have also done shows at summer camps, private events and Renaissance fairs from Maine to Wisconsin.

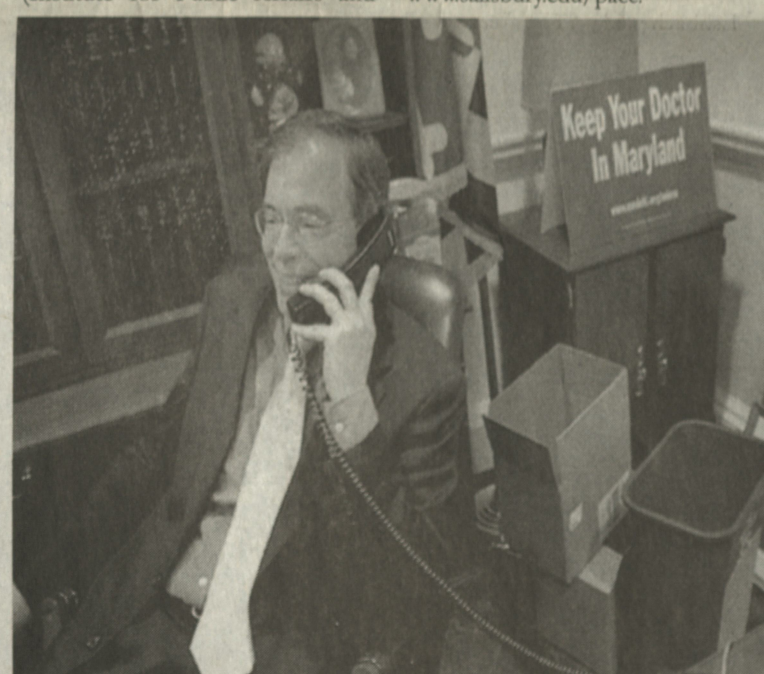
Sometimes different people are involved in the presentations, said Rodin, but jousting is always a part of the shows. He noted that audience members attending more than one show "never see quite the same show twice."

Rodin started the Paragon company five years ago. He said he loves his job and added, "Any day I'm not sitting behind a desk is a good one."

His opponent during the show, Cooper, said that she became a part of the company when Rodin bought a horse that was showing. Cooper talked about joking with Rodin that she and the horse were a package deal, and she's

Campaign Committee survey of 400 potential voters in the first district, released last week, shows the two candidates neck and neck. Each candidate has 36 points in the recent poll, with 25 percent being unsure.

The debate is sponsored by PACE (Institute for Public Affairs and



Andy Harris

Crime beat

09/08/08 2:17 a.m.
Intoxicated Student

A University Police officer responded to Chesapeake Hall to assist a student suffering from alcohol intoxication. The student, who was under the age of 21 years, was transported to the local hospital for evaluation and care.

09/08/08
Assault

A student reported to a University Police Officer that he had been assaulted by, and had been threatened by, a roommate at his University Village apartment. The student was advised of his rights and options, and he ultimately obtained a Peace Order against the roommate.

09/07/08/09/11/08 9 p.m.
Harassment

A student reported being harassed by, and being concerned with statements made by, one or more individuals with whom she communicated through the Web site Facebook. The student also reported receiving unwanted telephone calls from the person or persons whom she met via Facebook. The case is under investigation by the University Police Department.

09/12/08 1-2 a.m.
Theft

A University Police Officer discovered that someone stole the letter "S" from the brick wall near College and Camden Avenues. Also, a Sea Gull emblem was stolen from the brick wall on the corner of Rt. 13 and Dogwood Drive.

09/10/08/09/12/08 4-6 p.m.
Malicious Destruction of Property

A student reported that she left her vehicle parked in the Dresser Parking lot "A" from 9/10/08 to 9/12/08. During that time, someone damaged the vehicle's passenger side door. The damage appeared to be caused by a pellet or BB gun being used to shoot the vehicle.

09/13/08 1:40 p.m.
Disorderly Conduct

A University Police Officer was patrolling the Cedar Crossing off-campus housing complex when he observed a student walking in the roadway, acting disorderly. The officer made contact with student and determined that the student, who was under the age of 21 years, was under the influence of alcohol. A report of the incident was forwarded to Student Affairs for review.

09/12/08/09/13/08 5 pm-10 a.m.
Theft

An employee reported the theft of his external computer hard drive from his unlocked desk drawer and office in Caruthers Hall.

Dr. Brian Polkinghorn receives second Elkins professorship



Brett Morgan photo

CADR Center Director Dr. Brian Polkinghorn won the Elkins Professorship for the second time in two years.

By Randon Ryland
Staff Writer

The University System of Maryland has awarded the prestigious Elkins Professorship to Dr. Brian Polkinghorn, director of the Conflict Resolution Center and the Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution

Department, for the second time in two years. The \$80,000 grant will be used to return Dr. Arun Gandhi, retired director of the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence, global lecturer, and fifth grandson of Mahatma Mohandas Gandhi, to SU, continuing the "Conflict Scholar in Residence" program. The grant will also be used

to host "The Gandhi Legacy Tour," a study abroad program stationed throughout India.

"I'm glad we got it," said Polkinghorn. "I was pretty certain, with the momentum we've generated over the years, that it was the Chancellor's office taking notice. To bring notable people to campus, it's not just a one-time effect and it works on momentum or the reputation of the department of the University. The benefits to the students and institution are long lasting."

During the professorship Arun Gandhi, co-teaches CADR 409-002 with Dr. Polkinghorn and prepares to speak in SU's "One Person Can Make a Difference" lecture series. Last year, Dr. Gandhi taught and lectured on "Personal Leadership and Nonviolence" and will now present "Gandhi's Global Impact." "It's unfinished business. The Global Impact of Gandhi" is a great companion to "Gandhi on Personal Leadership." It's the introspective shifting outward to Gandhi's impact not only on other individuals but world leaders - leaders of social movements, nongovernmental organizations, and whole schools of thought that sprung around him," said Polkinghorn.

Dr. Gandhi offers the University and community genuine and passionate memories and insights into his grandfather's life and philosophy of nonviolence. He will give his main lecture at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 19, in the Holloway Hall Auditorium.

Dr. Polkinghorn will also use the Elkins Professorship for a study abroad to India led by Dr. Gandhi. The "Gandhi Legacy Tour" will allow students to retrace the footsteps of the

Mahatma. The tour encompasses a wide span of India from rural Sangli to New Delhi, stopping at Sabarmati Ashram, Gandhi's headquarters during his most active years of resistance to colonial rule.

"Here you're walking in the footsteps of the Mahatma, with his grandson; you're actually at the places where these things happened. You are an undergraduate, right in the thick of it. It is like a pilgrimage and it's almost like a hajj for some people," Polkinghorn said. "You know, this has a major impact on Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution. It's not just a passing historical moment; it's a major piece of the puzzle." Patrick Robbins, CADR graduate who also studied on the Legacy Tour said, "The Legacy Tour allowed me to take my education beyond the classroom and prepared me to use what I've learned in my life beyond school."

Dr. Polkinghorn has two goals this year: an individual goal for students to meet and learn from Dr. Gandhi, "to really put something into context," he explains, and a goal at the institutional level to continue the momentum for the department, graduate program and Scholars in Residence program which "brings a lot of value to the entire enterprise." The momentum generated by Polkinghorn has gained attention not only from other universities but on an international scale as well. "We're getting e-mails from China, India, Thailand - all around the world from students interested in the Conflict Resolution Masters program, who go to the front page and refer to the Elkins Professorship and Dr. Gandhi," he said.

State-wide hiring freeze puts SU on thin ice

More than thirty University positions left empty

By Jonathan Moynihan
Staff Writer

The failing economy is no longer just a national concern, but a threat to our personal and academic lives. While it has been affecting our lives at work and at home for a long time, few expected to see its arms of devastation reach our humble university. As of last week, it has done so in the form of a state-implemented hiring freeze, disallowing the University to hire any new personnel for faculty or staff positions, leaving SU in quite a bind as it has 21 vacant staff positions and 16 vacant faculty spots.

"The State of Maryland is currently facing substantial revenue deficits, and the Governor's Office is preparing to announce state-wide budget cuts," said SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach. "This hiring freeze is a temporary measure to avoid lay-offs and to be conservative in our spending."

Eshbach said the Board of Regents and Chancellor Brit Kirwan declared the hiring freeze to be activated immediately across all Maryland institutions as a way to achieve budget reductions and cut back on cost.

"The institution is fiscally healthy. We'll get through this,"

Eshbach said. "The freeze is disruptive, but I'm optimistic."

The state's economic situation has caused a cutback in state appropriation, which is one of two major sources of revenue for the University, the other being student tuition.

The freeze puts the University on pause for the time being due to the institution's inability to fill vacant positions and to pursue new avenues of improving the University, which in turn costs more money.

"Right now we can't do anything. We're waiting to hear whether the budget situation worsens. We'll soon get the target budget cut which will tell us how much we have to cut," Eshbach said. However, the University is making efforts to solve the vacancy issues without hiring outside individuals for the time being.

Approximately 12 assistant professor positions are vacant, which could possibly be filled by already employed faculty. In-house staff can apply and possibly receive a pay increase if hired for the additional positions. However, some vacancies can not be as easily filled. SU is looking for a new Director of Admissions and a Dean for the Perdue School of Business, but filling them will have to wait at



By Vanessa Junkin
Staff Writer

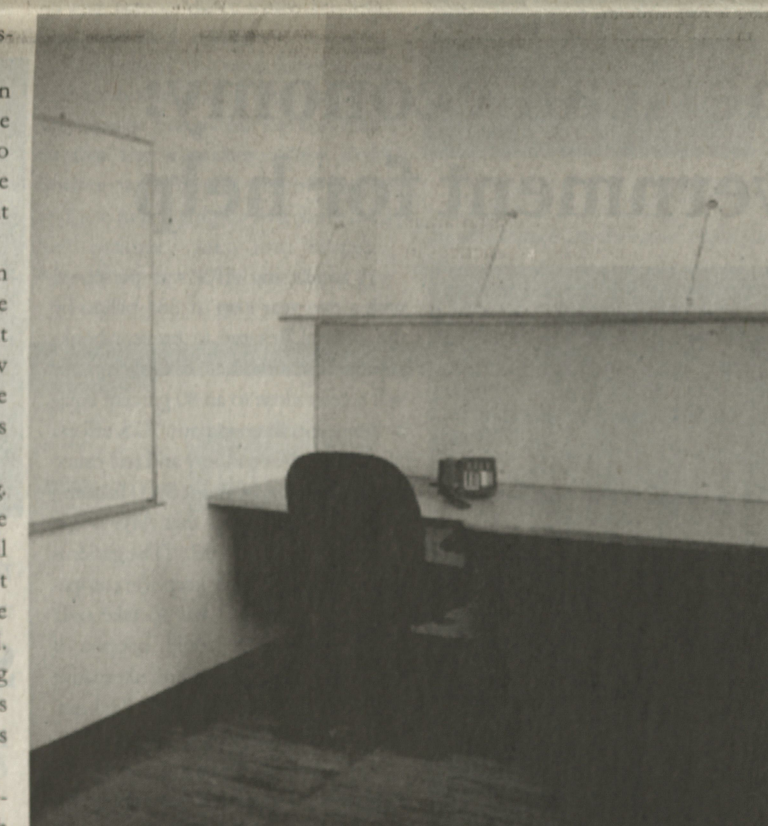
Another year of listening to students' concerns and strengthening the campus community kicked off with the first SGA Forum, which was held on last Sunday.

SGA President Lili Afkhami explained at the beginning of the forum that these meetings are a place to share information, problems or suggestions relating to SU

"You get to find stuff out first here," she said later during the forum.

Ali Hueber, SGA Executive Vice President, spoke next and said that a representative from each of the campus Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) is required to attend three forums each semester.

Hueber also explained how new clubs can become recognized. The club must have 10 or more people involved, anyone must be able to join and the club cannot recreate an



Internet Photo

SU currently has 21 vacant staff positions and 16 vacant faculty spots; however, due to a state-wide hiring freeze, these positions might not be filled.

least until the target budget numbers are given to the institution.

This newly implemented directive has primarily affected the University as a whole, and Eshbach has said that students should not see much of a difference. Although there are exceptions, especially if the budget cut target is more than anticipated.

The state will look to raise in-state tuition across Maryland universities if they are unable to reach their desired goals, leaving students in an even tougher situation

than they already are as more and more students fight economic issues outside of their academic lives.

President Eshbach is confident the University will continue smoothly and successfully. "SU is very robust, and we will weather this storm," she said. "This is not a boulder in the road; it's simply a bump."

But Eshbach is prepared to handle the worst if necessary. "The picture doesn't look so draconian, but things could get worse."

SGA holds first fall forum, encourages participation

members would be happy to help potential clubs with becoming recognized.

During the forum, Julia Glanz, SGA Vice President of University Affairs, discussed this year's various homecoming activities that will take place during the week of October 13-18. She said later in a phone interview that SGA will also take part in other upcoming events, like family weekend.

The SGA senators stayed to dis-

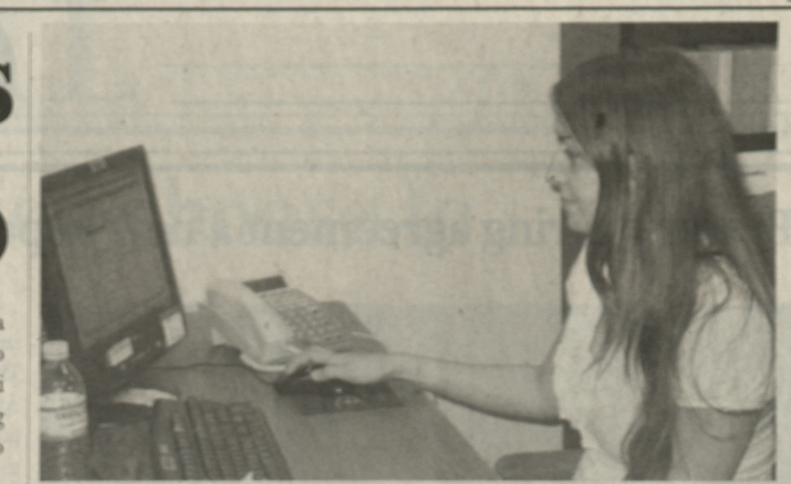
cuss a few things after the RSO representatives left. One issue was voted on — Pat DiBello was chosen as the SGA Webmaster.

Afkhami stressed during the forum — and after it in a phone interview — how important the senators are to the SGA. In the interview, she discussed how the senators act as liaisons, bringing the students' needs to the executive board's attention.

New SGA members are always welcome, Afkhami said, and inter-

ested students should come to the SGA office, located in the Student Activities Office in the GUC. The next forum will be held on Sunday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m. in Henson Hall 243.

Students who don't want to act as part of the SGA are also invited to attend the forums, mentioned Hueber in an e-mail. She added, "The only way SGA can be really effective is if we know the issues that students are concerned about!"



Sarah Jacobs Photo

Graduate Assistant Callie White contributes to Career Services' accelerated efforts to reach and educate students.

Career Services launches student-involved blog

By Michelle Hinkle
Staff Writer

Career Services launched another project last week to aid students by adding a blog to the SU Web site. Associate Director of Career Services Charlie Endicott is posting information on the blog and encouraging students to do the same. The blog is divided into ten categories: career planning classes, cover letter information, credential file services, e-recruiting instructions, interviewing skills, job fairs, job search information, mentor network, first destination survey and resume writing. Since the blog project is just beginning, all of the information that has been posted can be seen through the recent post page.

The blog currently consists of information about the approaching job fair, dressing for the job and internship fair, general tips for the event and transforming resumes. Students can add their own subjects at any time by adding a topic of interest to the comment section of the page. Endicott plans to post new articles daily if possible.

The information that has been posted to the site is thorough and detailed enough to benefit students who plan to attend any job fair or interview. Each posted topic within the blog is explained in an easy-to-read list format that provides answers to important questions in a straightforward manner. The sec-

tion entitled "Transforming a Resume from Ho-Hum to Wow" is divided into thinking about a target audience, making sure you have the right type of resume, including an objective or skills summary, focusing on accomplishments rather than job duties and adding hard data. The entries preceding this one are laid out in the same fashion. This new addition to the Career Services Web site is an asset to students and alumni.

Although an e-mail was sent to the campus community advertising the Career Services blog, the student response has been slow. The four posts have no comments from students asking questions or bringing up topics to discuss in the future. 15 of 20 surveyed students said they thought that adding a blog to the Web site was a good idea. Only five of 20 of the same surveyed students said they thought they would add to the blog themselves. These results come as a surprise since the blog is designed to benefit students and make the experience of finding a job less stressful. All of the students surveyed reported that they had noticed a difference in the amount of effort made by Career Services to reach them. The Career Services department is continuing the effort to lead students to successful futures by planning more workshops and providing more information than ever before.

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- VEGAN POTATO MUSHROOM KUGEL
- GREEN BEANS WITH LEMON WINE SAUCE
- HONEY GLAZED CARROTS
- CHALLAH BREAD
- CARRI CAKE
- DUTCH APPLE PIE

ROSH HASHANAH DINNER

4:30-7:30 P.M.
IN THE BISTRO

Power-sharing agreement a new hope for Zimbabwe?



This agreement came after several stressful months of negotiations led by Thabo Mbeki, President of South Africa. It began after the March election which gave a Parliament majority to the MDC and a presidential win to Tsangirai.

However, Tsangirai pulled out just before the June run-off election, citing government-backed attacks on his followers. Being the only candidate on the ballot, Mugabe won the election that has been criticized worldwide.

"Our hope is for the Zimbabwean people, that they can now move forward, and that the agreement can be implemented in a way that represents the will of the people," said Sean McCormack, spokesperson for the U.S. State Department, in a daily press briefing on Sept. 15.

The agreement was unclear on who will be in charge of certain departments of the cabinet and that is where the talks between the three main leaders have halted. There have been two official negotiations since the agreement was signed and both ended with relatively no progress made.

At his speech after the agreement was signed Mugabe said, "We are committed, I am committed, we will do our best." Yet, that does not seem to be the case.

The problem appears to be that Mugabe and the Zanu-PF party do not want to release control of key powerful ministries like those in charge of defense, finance, home affairs and information.

Mugabe's tone since signing the agreement doesn't help either and has created reservations for some about his sincerity. On a live television broadcast he assured his party that they would remain in the "driver's seat" and "will not tolerate any nonsense from [their] new partners."

It is to remain unclear now whether this agreement will rescue the once successful country from near economic ruin, or if this is false hope for a new Zimbabwe.

Off-shore drilling energy bill approved by House despite Republican backlash

By Sarah Duffy
Staff Writer

The House of Representatives passed an energy bill last Tuesday that allows more oil drilling off the U.S. coastline. Republicans disagree with the new bill because of the limitations it places on where drilling can occur.

The Comprehensive American Energy Security and Consumer Protection Act permits drilling only between 50 and 100 miles off the coast. Republicans generally want to allow drilling as close as three miles offshore. States must give permission to allow drilling 50 miles away from the coast, but will receive no benefits.

Offshore drilling is controversial because of the effects it may have on the environment. In 1969, an explosion from an oil rig off the coast of California carried oil to the beaches, causing tar to form on shore. "The explosion killed marine life, including sea lions and over 4000 shore birds," said Dr. Joan Maloof, Professor of Biological Sciences at SU.

"I see offshore drilling as people being stuck in the old paradigm," Maloof said. "It is hard for Americans to accept getting energy from resources other than oil. But instead of drilling, America can create different forms of producing energy."

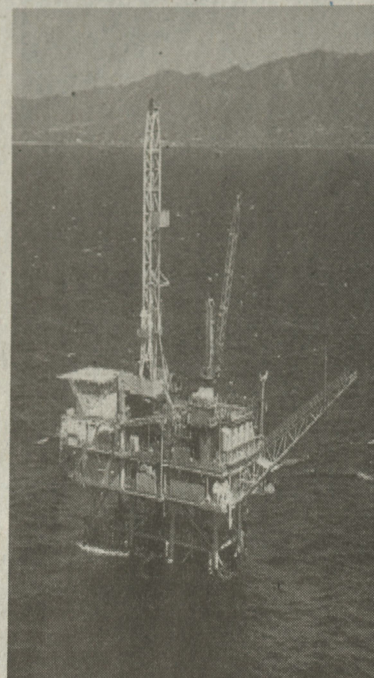
Maloof worries about the economy of the Eastern Shore if there were to be an oil spill.

"Ocean City gets so much money from tourism," Maloof said. "If there is a spill, people would lose their livelihoods."

The energy bill allows not only offshore drilling but also promotes a cleaner environment. Under the bill's provisions, tax credits for cleaner energy will be extended and

Americans will be offered incentives for the use of clean energy and green transportation. It additionally calls for repealing tax breaks for oil companies and will then use that money towards energy efficiency programs, clean coal and electric-hybrid vehicles.

Upsetting Republicans even more, the bill states that 15 percent of all of



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The new energy bill allows more oil drilling off the U.S. coastline.

the United States' electricity must be generated by renewable resources. This will go against each state's individual right to choose its energy source.

The Senate must now accept or reject the bill and is expected to debate the energy packet during the next week. It will then be handed to Congress, who meets on Sept. 26. If passed, the U.S. will allow new offshore drilling for the first time since the ban in 1981.

HISTORY CORNER

SEPTEMBER 23

The first gas murder experiments are conducted at Auschwitz 1941.

SEPTEMBER 24
The Honda Motor Company is founded 1948.

SEPTEMBER 25
Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism is founded in NYC 1912.

SEPTEMBER 26
The Laguna Fire starts in San Diego County, California, burning 175,425 acres 1970.

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Google is launched 1998.

SEPTEMBER 28
The car ferry MS Estonia sinks in Baltic Sea, killing 852 people 1994.

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Military coup in Haiti 1991.

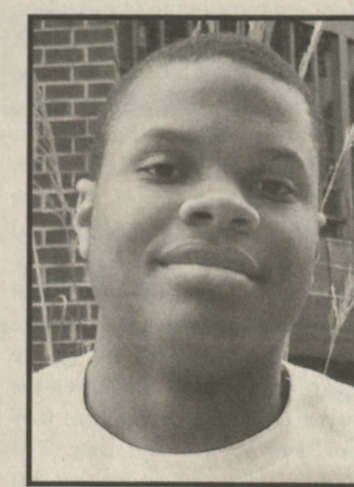
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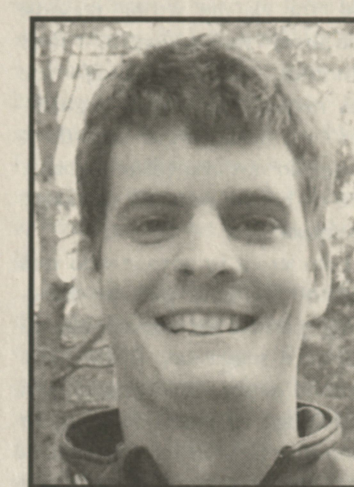
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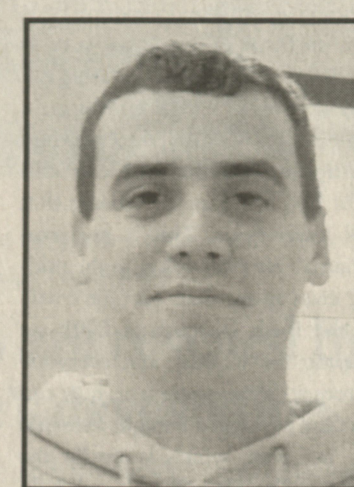
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"The Diary Of A Mad Black Woman and Mean Girls."

Patrisha Campbell - freshman



"Dazed And Confused."

Zach Clewer - probably a freshman

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Marriage should be for everyone

By Tara Underwood
Staff Writer

Marriage. It's one of the many things humans have in common. Whether we decide to get married early or later on in life, it completes us. Men and women find each other and this is the "normal" way of life and the way "things are supposed to happen." However, sometimes in today's society, men find men and women find women. They fall in love just as men and women do, live together and are just as happy.

Recently, Star Trek's George Takei married his long-time partner Brad Altman in a Buddhist ceremony held in Los Angeles after 21 years of companionship.

Many citizens claim gay marriage is unethical and unnatural. They believe marriage can only be a union between a man and a woman and that this is the way it has been for centuries and should always be. But, in all fairness, why should love and marriage be reserved for a man and a woman?

People against gay marriage also believe that raising children in same-sex homes is not a safe environment for them. However, gay couples are just as capable of car-

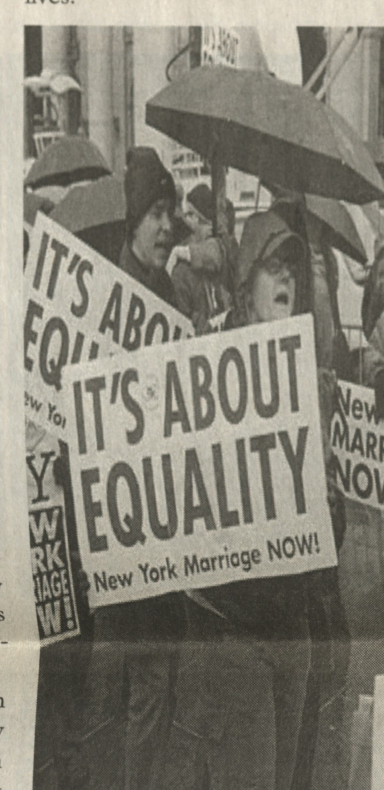
ing for each other. Some have more love and affection than many heterosexual relationships. Raising children in a home, whether it is homosexual or heterosexual, only depends on the love and commitment of the parents, not their gender.

Another problem people have with gay relationships and marriage is that they are uncomfortable with the idea of them being together. They feel obligated to state and say how unnatural and unethical it is. However, if they aren't intentionally bothering anyone, why should anyone care?

While these are some reasons that people are against gay marriage, there are a lot of people who are for gay marriage and rights. As more people believe in the right of unions between homosexuals, laws are being made in states to allow this union. So far, only a few states in the nation allow same sex marriages or civil unions.

Who cares if a man loves a man and a woman loves a woman? They are human beings put on this earth to live for a reason. They don't bother or get in the way of people and are just trying to live their lives like ordinary men and women. Nevertheless, the debate about gay

marriage continues and is a huge struggle for many Americans. Will we ever come to a consensus and all just let each other live their own lives?



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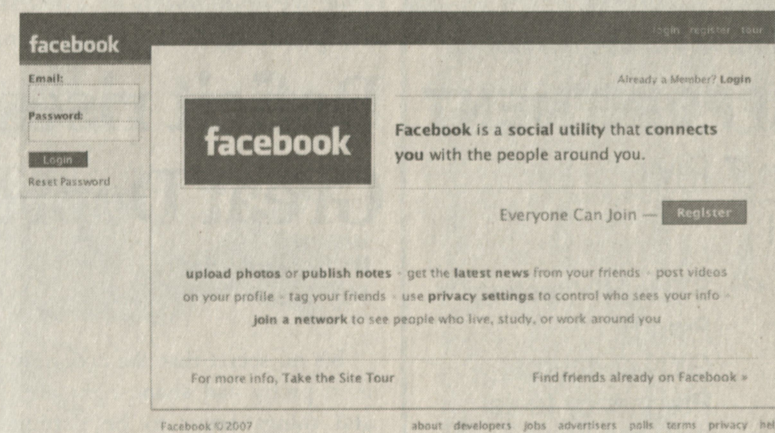
Gay marriage and equal rights are still political issues in the U.S.

New Facebook stirs confusion

By Morgan Majchrzak
Staff Writer

It's complicated, confusing, and frustrating. Why did Facebook have to change? I had all my applications set up perfectly, all easily accessible. I, and my friends, could view the bumper stickers I had accumulated. Facebook chat worked fine, and my wall was just the way I wanted it. Everything was neat and orderly. Now, my applications are jumbled, my wall is cluttered, bumper stickers cannot easily be viewed, and sometimes the chat feature does not even appear. Why did Facebook have to mess up a good thing?

When I first heard about the format change, I did not understand what they were changing. Things seemed fine; how could it be perfect? As I logged on, hoping it was merely an option to switch, a little pop-up message appeared at the top of my page informing me that the "new" Facebook would be arriving soon and I could switch over now. Switch to the dark side! Never! Unhesitatingly, I clicked the little "x" in the corner and hoped it would never return. I am an "old" Facebook supporter and always will be. Adding to my frustrations, the same option appeared the next time I



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The new Facebook changes have many users confused and angry. The social networking site might lose its appeal if users aren't happy.

logged in. That is when I began trying to ignore what I knew deep down was inevitable. Each day I logged on, cringing while hitting "Enter" after typing my password. Is the "old" version going to greet me, or will I be thrown into absolute confusion upon the "new" version's arrival? Day after day, the "old" version greeted me and I began to think that maybe the switch was optional. Unfortunately, my luck ran out and the day arrived. New Facebook appeared, taunting me, and I could do nothing. I spent hours scouring Facebook groups trying to find some way to go back to the older version. There was no going back. My friends and I complain to no avail. New Facebook is here to stay. Now, instead of logging in and seeing every thing the way I liked it, I am flooded with information - pictures, picture comments,

~SUDOKU~
The Rules of Sudoku

The classic Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares.

The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution. Good luck.

		8	2		7	4		
1				3	6		8	2
		3	5					
8	3	2						
	1	5				3	4	
						2	1	8
					1	5		
	2	7	6	5				1
	1	8		3	7			

Difficulty Rating: Medium

Solution to last week's puzzle:

8	2	3	5	7	1	4	9	6
6	7	9	8	2	4	3	1	5
5	1	4	6	9	3	2	8	7
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2	5	1	9	3	7	6	4	8
3	9	8	1	4	6	5	7	2
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Scary times for the American economy: Businesses turn to government for help

By Laura Dignan
Staff Writer

The American economy is facing a difficult crisis after the Dow Jones industrial average lost 504.48 points, a drop equivalent to 4.42 percent, last Monday. It was the Dow Jones' worst slump since the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks. On Sept. 17, 2001, the first day of trading after the attacks, the Dow lost 684.81 points.

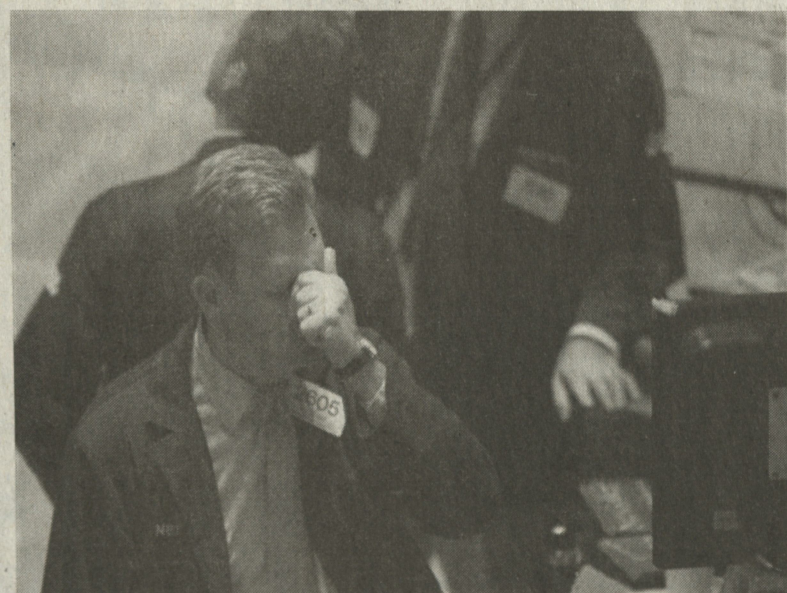
"The economy is likely to be in a holding pattern for the next several months," said Dr. Herman Manakyan, Chair of the Economics and Finance Department at Salisbury University, "until confidence returns and housing markets start picking up, which often is one of the major factors to boost the economy."

On Thursday, the Dow Jones dropped again, losing about 450 points. The two days combined saw the Dow Jones lose over 900 points. The steep decline of the Dow was the result of bad news from the business world. Lehman Brothers, the country's fourth-largest investment bank, filed for bankruptcy last Monday erasing \$700 billion in shareholder wealth. Considering assets, this was the largest U.S. bankruptcy considering. On Tuesday, Lehman Brothers sold its North American investment banking and its trading operations to Barclays, Britain's third-largest bank, for \$250 million.

"The financial sector has been reeling from the impact of the subprime mortgage crisis for many months, so problems of Lehman, Merrill Lynch or AIG are not truly surprises," Manakyan said. "Of course the surprise is the extent of the problems, and how far-reaching the crisis has been."

Contributing to the economic crisis, Merrill Lynch, unable to survive by itself, was bought out by Bank of America for \$50 billion last week, a similar situation to JPMorgan's acquisition of a frail Bear Stearns in May.

Robert Lati, partner at the TABB Group, a research firm that watches both the business and technology



AP photo/in Lee Ernest Onesti, of Lehman Brothers Marketmakers, works on the floor of the NY Stock Exchange. Last Monday, LHM went bankrupt.

Aspects of the major financial-services organizations, claims there will be reductions of staff at Merrill Lynch but their core networks will be watched after so that the combination of the companies are successful.



Internet photo The Dow Jones lost over 900 points last week, pushing the already suffering economy further into the ground. Representatives worked tirelessly in the New York Stock Exchange (above) to save their companies.

A weakening AIG was presented with a two year loan of \$85 billion by the Federal Reserve to prevent bankruptcy. In return, the U.S. Government will receive close to an 80 percent equity interest in the company. U.S. efforts to stabilize the economy and real-estate market how equal about \$900 billion.

Manakyan believes that AIG is too big of a company to fail. "The government will most likely keep the company afloat, even if it has to take over ownership, which could happen if AIG is unable to secure alternative financing and pay back the 'bail-out' loan to the government," he said.

On Thursday President George W. Bush put off a political fundraising trip to concentrate on the turmoil of our economy. He states that the government is taking extraordinary measures to deal with the adjusting market.

"The American people are concerned about the situation in our financial markets and our economy," Bush said. "[And they] can be sure we will continue to act to strengthen and stabilize our financial markets and improve investor confidence."

American International Group, Inc. (AIG) is the country's biggest insurer, providing general insurance, life insurance, retirement services, financial services and asset management in over 130 countries.

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This November, Maryland residents will end the five-year debate over whether or not slots should be legal in the state.

Slots on the November ballot

By Jeremy Riffle
Global Editor

On Election Day, Marylanders will have the option of voting for or against Question 2, a state constitutional amendment that will permit the legalization of slot machines in the state. The referendum is the culmination of a fight that began five years ago.

In January 2003, the then newly inaugurated Governor Robert Ehrlich started a push for slot machines in Maryland to address the state's growing economic problems. The machines have been banned in the state since 1968. Throughout Ehrlich's administration, proposals permitting slot machines were passed in the Maryland Senate, but failed in the House of Delegates due to intense opposition.

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Letters to the Editor

In response to "McCain and Palin: A Perfect Match"

"McCain and Palin: A perfect match?" begins with the statement that Senator McCain wants to cut government spending. McCain was a one-time opponent of the Bush tax cut backs in 2000 when he was running against the President; he is now in favor of these tax cuts. It has been proven that the Bush tax cuts do very little for middle class citizens, yet the McCain campaign continually runs out the idea that it is he and not Senator Obama that will lower taxes. This is not true. Obama's tax plan will help the middle class more than McCain's will. If the Bush tax cuts of 2001 are helping the wealthy, and everyone agrees with this statement, how can McCain say with a straight face that his tax plan, which is nearly the same as President Bush's, will help the middle class? It doesn't make any sense.

The second issue I have with this article states that McCain supports the troops. Since 2001, his record of voting to help the troops is appalling. In 2008, a crucial GI Bill reached the floor of the Senate. John McCain, a veteran of the Vietnam War, did not even bother to show up to vote. Yet this article mentions nothing of this.

Third, both McCain and Obama

had links to the Red Cross to provide help for victims of both Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. Stopping his campaign because of the hurricane is admirable, but the underlying issue with this is that the Bush Administration totally botched Hurricane Katrina efforts and the Republican Party had to do this, otherwise they would have come under enormous fire from everyone.

I think it's great that Sarah Palin, a woman, was chosen to be McCain's running mate. But with McCain having only met her once, the pick screamed of desperation. Running on the idea of experience, McCain undercut himself and his brand with the Palin pick, a small town governor from Alaska. McCain himself has said that he was running with experience and that being a governor or mayor was not enough to be President. So what does this say about Mrs. Palin?

I have no problem with the writer of this article, or talking about the McCain/Palin ticket. But in this day and age, with lies being thrown from both sides of the political spectrum, I expect more in-depth honesty from this article, and it just was not there.

- Brian Lomax, Junior

Enough Already

I am sickened by my country's obsession with Governor Sarah Palin, a person no one had heard of; sparing Alaskans, of course; until a few weeks ago. Now it seems every time I turn around, I am hearing about her, and might I add, for all the wrong reasons. I've heard "she's a woman," "she's a mother," "she's a pit-bull," "she was mayor," and "she's a governor." I would argue that these things do not immediately qualify one to be the next VP, let alone President.

I am jarred by anyone who sees Senator McCain's pick as something positive or remarkable, as has been suggested. I am more inclined to say, "transparent" and "insulting." I resent McCain for anointing Gov. Palin as a feminist crusader. I resent hearing about her five children - special needs, Iraq-bound, pregnant or otherwise. I resent the idea that she is a "simple woman" and cannot stand her "small town" appeal. I resent that she will "change the values of American society," as if she knows better than the rest of us. I resent her for using God to justify slaughtering innocent, Iraqis, Afghans, and now Pakistanis. (Youtube does not lie, though politicians do.)

The issues, as I see them, are as follows: Palin wants to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, wants to continue the "War on Terror," wants to "drill, drill, drill" for Alaskan oil, is anti-gay, anti-gun control, against certain economic controls, and against universal healthcare. And yet when people talk about Gov. Palin it never seems to be for these reasons.

It does not interest me that Gov. Palin is a self-described "hockey mom." What does interest me is that this person is a weak heart-beat away from the presidency, and I cannot stomach the idea of "President Palin." Ms. Underwood claims: "We value trust, opportunity, safety, pride and a future, a future to succeed together and conquer all difficulties." I might not agree with all of that, but I certainly value trust, and I trust neither Senator McCain nor Gov. Palin. I am for choice, for gun control, for universal healthcare, for human rights, for gays, for energy independence, for diplomacy and for cooperation. I am an idealist. I am a cynic. I am unhappy. As long as I continue to hold to these truths, and McCain and Palin, "the perfect match," to theirs, I fear a future is out of the question.

- Jeffrey Lunnen, Senior

No Knock? No Problem!

I am sure that many students on this campus have had bad experiences with police officers. But I would venture a guess that even those students will find what I am about to tell you shocking.

The mayor of Berwyn Heights, Maryland came home from walking his dogs last week and proceeded to go upstairs to change. While he was upstairs, highly armed SWAT team members broke into his home, shot both of his dogs, and bound him and his mother-in-law on the floor for over two hours. Police searched the premises but found no drugs.

Once the mayor discovered that these intruders were in fact police officers, he demanded to see the search warrant. According to the mayor, he did not receive this warrant until several days later. The mayor's lawyer also claims that this warrant was not a "No-Knock" warrant, meaning that police should have knocked on the mayor's door and issued the warrant to him.

The reason for the search was a package of marijuana that was delivered to the Mayor's home. It turns out that this package was part of a drug smuggling ring, where packages are mailed to an unknowing person's home then intercepted. The mayor and his family were just recently cleared of any wrong-

doing, but Prince George's county police chief says that the police officers also did nothing wrong.

You may think that incidents such as these are rare, but you would be mistaken. A study entitled, "Overkill: The Rise of Paramilitary Police Raids in America" by Radley Balko, tells the story of how police raids have gotten out of hand in this country. For example, in 1997 a SWAT team raided 64-year-old Ramon Gallardo's home to look for a stolen handgun alleged to be in his son's possession. The officers broke down the man's bedroom door, then shot and killed him after they claimed he reached for a knife. The family maintains that he never owned a knife and a jury later awarded the family \$125 million in damages. The stolen gun was never found.

Our government has become so hard on drugs that they seem willing to accept the fact that their policies affect not just hardened drug runners, but casual users and even the completely innocent. The government seems to have decided that we need to be protected from ourselves, but I say that what we really need protection from is our government. If the mayor of a city can have his dogs killed by the police without apology, what happens when they come after you or me? - Ross Crosby, Senior

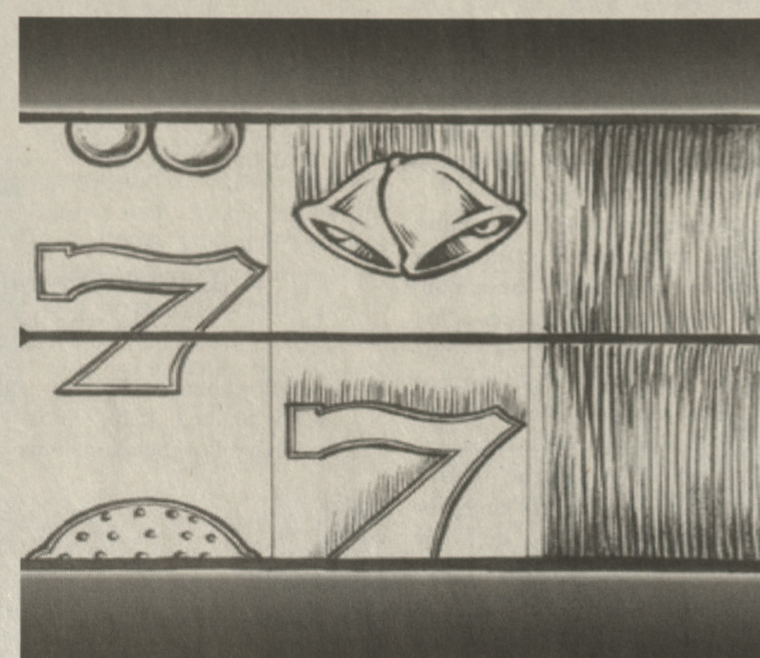
Slots would benefit Maryland's economy

By Eric J. Buratty
Staff Writer

It's unfortunate that the talk about slots in Maryland gets shut down by "better opinion/authority." In 1967, one would have been able to find them in the state, but they have been made illegal since then. Slots are one of many ways to gamble and have been made legal in West Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The unfortunate thing for Marylanders is that they must travel out of state to use them. Delaware is a tax haven, and they seem to be doing just fine with their revenue. Why not do the same thing with Maryland? Slots would offer a win-win situation for both the state and consumers. The recent increase in taxes to six percent should be encouraging more protest than slots.

The common argument against such gambling devices in Maryland is that they could potentially have a negative impact on crime rates or even spawn organized crime. But looking at the existing crime rates in areas such as Washington, D.C., the addition of slots would not be fixing something that is not broken. For that matter, fixing something that actually is "broken" pertains to state revenue.



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Slots would potentially bring in a lot more revenue for Maryland as residents currently have to travel to neighboring states to gamble.

Recently, state revenue has dropped, and there are no apparent reasons for it to continue in any different manner, especially with the economic downturn. With our tax dollars primarily going to infrastructure, education and law enforcement, state revenue would only have the potential to increase if slots were added. Thus, they would yield positive effects.

Of the benefits slots would offer, they would help alleviate the state deficit. With additional revenue brought in by slots being used to pay for education, we could see increased allocations toward the likes of expanding home and community-based services in Maryland. Also, the savings could help out with expenses toward technological research, transportation,

and long-term care. The only question then would be whether the government would choose to use the additional funding in these areas.

Another reason for having slots is that they would serve as a source of entertainment for Marylanders. Sure it may be fun to go to Las Vegas or one of our neighboring states to play slots, but after considering gas prices, it would be better to stay here. If we had slot machines, the state would be sure to generate more revenue. This way, Marylanders do not have to travel out of state just to have some gambling fun, and they at least have a choice to spend their money towards gambling in Maryland without worrying about gas.

Ultimately, the idea is to initiate some thought and implement slots to yield those positive outcomes. By disregarding taxes and gas prices, this alternative source of revenue has benefits that outweigh costs. If slots and casinos are to Vegas as undesired taxes and gas prices are to Maryland, the thought of a few slots here and there (just as we have the lottery) would not hurt. We would not be fixing something that is not broken; we would be helping something in need of attention. Let our voices be heard: out with the taxes and in with the slots!



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Residents who had the option and the means to evacuate placed hardworking volunteers in dangerous conditions.

'Selfish' citizens are rescued by heroes after Ike's devastation

By Bethany Jeffries
Staff Writer

News coverage abounded in the days before Hurricane Ike made landfall at Galveston, Texas. Warning upon warning was given for residents in danger to evacuate to safer regions, away from the 115 mph winds and the expected 25 foot wall of water that was predicted to envelop the town. Many took these warnings to heart, packed what they could and left for safety, some getting onto buses without even knowing their destination, or when they would return. Police and officials made time to help residents evacuate, yet tens of thousands of stubborn home-owners and citizens refused to move, deciding to wait out the storm, ignoring the phrase "certain death" with ease.

After the storm, about two thousand have been rescued by the largest rescue mission Texas has ever organized - over 1,500 people looking for survivors of Ike. Some estimates claim that 140,000 of the million ordered to evacuate remained behind. These foolish, selfish people have placed hard-working volunteers and civilians in an uninhabitable Galveston in the days after Ike. Through self-centered reasoning and downright stupid decision makings, these people ignored warnings and claims of "certain death" to stay behind. They forced others to come to their aid. Aid that wouldn't have been needed if these people had used common sense and fled like thousands of their neighbors. This type of disaster is completely unlike any other, where people who were rescued stayed out of necessity - these people are there through their own choice, and they should have abided evacuating. Instead, hardworking police officers, firefighters and volunteer rescuers were placed in dangerous situations to save foolishly residents from their drowning homes. Instead of beginning a rebuilding effort to allow people back to their homes and focusing on the \$8 million in damage, officials had to focus rescue missions for the thousands who chose of their own volition to remain in Galveston, facing the direct approach of a hurricane the approximate size of the state of Texas. The search and rescue teams throughout that city should be recognized as heroes, saving citizens who willingly decided to be victims by choosing to tide out the biggest storm Texas has seen in decades.



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Price gouging after disasters brings "the market closer to equilibrium."

By Zachary Caceres
Staff Writer

In the wake of a disaster like Hurricane Ike, politicians and concerned citizens alike call for an end to the practice of "price-gouging." Price gouging is the act of raising prices on essential goods like water or batteries during emergencies. It seems universally agreeable that such an act of profit-bolstering in dire times is thoroughly reprehensible. But is price gouging really the evil exploitation that many claim? Surely concern for your fellow man takes precedence over the weight of your wallet. In fact, doesn't this sudden price surge keep essential goods out of the hands of those who need them most?

It may surprise you that George Mason-based economist Walter Williams and Noble-Prize-winning economists Gary Becker, Vernon Smith and Milton Friedman all offer a resounding "No." Gouging, in fact, is the most efficient way to deal with the economic upheavals accompanying disaster. Scarce goods like bottled water have a value dictated by supply and demand in a marketplace. But when individuals prepare for an impending disaster - by stocking up on bottled water, for instance - the marketplace must adjust to the sudden surge in demand. Anyone who has stocked up on emergency supplies can recall the barren shelves of stores prior to the disaster. In those cases demand has outstripped supply, leaving many desperate people without the supplies they need. The only natural way that businesses can cope with a "run" on an item like bottled water is by raising prices and thus bringing the market

closer to equilibrium. Not only do higher prices prevent shortages, but they combat hoarding and encourage an even distribution of the emergency supplies throughout an area. At two dollars a gallon, the first in line will leave with the store's stock of water. At ten dollars a gallon, buying twenty jugs seems suddenly less attractive.

Despite preparation, sometimes the fallout of a disaster demands the efforts of massive manpower and investment. What else offers builders, electricians and nurses incentive enough to bring their much-needed skills to the effected area? As Walter Williams states, "Higher prices, along with windfall profits, are economic signals of unmet human wants. As such, they encourage producers to meet those human wants." So instead of criticizing high prices

next emergency, let's recognize that price-gouging is the natural economic effect of a disaster and our best means of preparation and recovery.



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While we're definitely in a recession, some people are even throwing out the word "depression," saying that this is the greatest financial crisis since the Great Depression.

Deficit rises as U.S. economy nears Great Depression levels

By Derek Pettinelli
Staff Writer

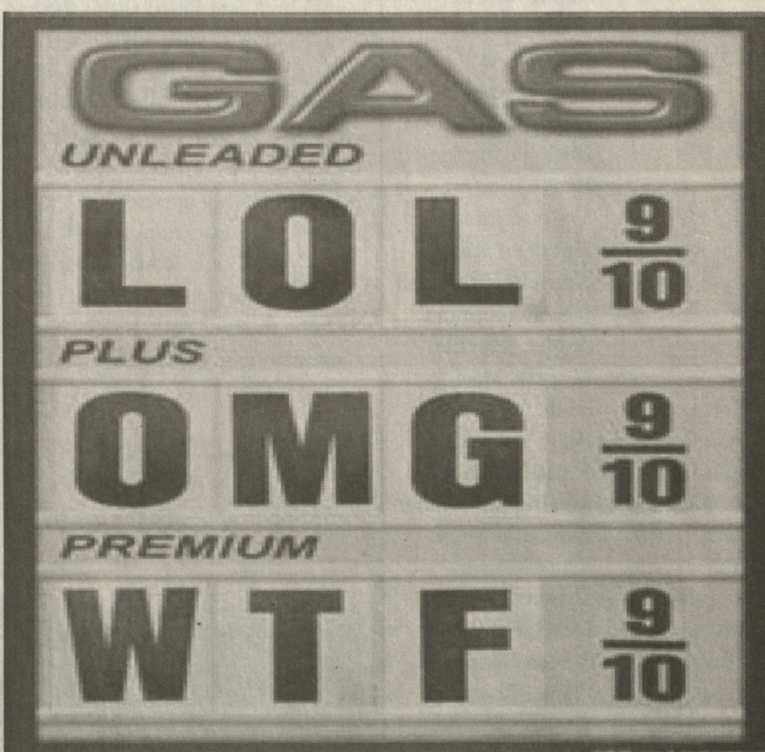
It's no secret that the economy is in pretty bad shape right now and things seem to be getting worse everyday. Gas prices are still high and are being manipulated right in front of our noses, making \$3.29 per gallon seem like a bargain. Both the job and housing markets are collapsing, with many people losing their homes and property. While we're definitely in a recession, some people are even throwing out the word "depression," saying that this is the greatest financial crisis since the Great Depression. In fact, the U.S. debt may even surpass \$11.3 trillion as a result of the bailout of the two mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which cost the government \$300 to \$500 billion. For the fiscal year of 2009, federal spending has already resulted in a debt of \$10.6 trillion, which is an obscene amount of money.

After the federal takeovers of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, it wasn't over yet. The Lehman Brothers investing firm went under and Bank of America purchased Merrill Lynch. Insurance firm AIG was also set to go under until they were saved by a federal loan of \$85 billion. As if all the recent financial mess wasn't enough, other countries are now basically jumping in to try and bail us out. Canada just recently joined the Federal Reserve and other central banks by adding an additional \$1.89 billion to the banking

system in order to keep the credit markets up and running. In addition, the Bank of Canada also bought about \$2 billion in securities in one day, making it their largest purchase in more than eight years. President Bush has a plan to bail out the Wall Street firms and that plan is to spend \$700 billion to try to help negate the \$1 trillion in debt from bad loans.

The economy is no doubt one of the biggest talking points of the upcoming election and it's a shame that irrelevant matters are

all that seems to be in the focus of the media. It doesn't matter that Obama's middle name is Hussein or that Sarah Palin has a pregnant 17-year-old daughter. Being an election year makes things all the more complex and what's even more puzzling is that neither candidate really seems to have a solid plan to fix it. McCain is being tied to Bush and that may be enough to cost him the election, since the economy was so good during the Clinton years with a record \$526 billion surplus versus Bush's record \$648 billion deficit.



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SU freshman featured on MTV's MADE



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MADE coach and double black belt Walter Jenkins helps Filosi break a piece of wood for the first time.

By Jillian Verpent
Staff Writer

"I want to be MADE."

Those were five words Danielle Filosi, a freshman biology major at Salisbury University, never uttered. That is, until her best friend convinced her to do an interview with MTV at her high school in Killingworth, Connecticut. They were scouting for an interesting student to feature on their hit show *MADE*.

MADE has spent the past nine seasons helping teens across the

country become everything from a homecoming queen to a beat boxer and everything in between. MTV says that the series is "about making dreams come true," and helping kids realize they can "accomplish anything they set their minds to."

"I took the whole thing as a joke," Filosi said. "I went in there and told them I wanted to be made into a cage fighter."

Of the eighty kids interviewed that day at Haddam-Killingworth High School, Danielle was the one to get a call back.

That is how the four-foot-eleven Filosi began her quest to master martial arts (cage fighter was off limits due to liability issues). A self-described goofy, funny, quirky teenager, Danielle admitted she was not sure she could do it.

Her family and friends had their doubts, too. Filosi's friends described her as not being able to take anything seriously, while her parents cited her inability to commit to things as a roadblock in her plan.

With her freshman year of col-

lege looming ahead of her, Filosi knew that she would have to learn to be more serious and independent, so she signed on to prove to everyone, herself included, that she had the dedication to accomplish her goal of becoming a martial artist and grow up in the process.

Anyone who has ever met Filosi would immediately notice her outgoing personality; she is bubbly, energetic, and laughs a lot. Her tiny stature and easygoing nature do not portray the image of a trained yellow belt martial artist. It was one of the reasons Filosi chose to pursue martial arts. "It was an unlikely thing for someone so small to do," she said.

Instead of spending her summer days at the beach, Filosi began training five days a week with her *MADE* coach, U.S. National Karate Team coach and triple black belt Alec Shane. At first intimidated by his seriousness, Filosi grew very close to Shane. "He was a great teacher," she said. "I wouldn't want to learn martial arts from anybody else."

It was not always easy for Filosi. "I was always getting in trouble for laughing," she said. "But after awhile I realized the culture behind martial arts and I have so much respect now for people who practice it."

"Some of my friends stopped talking to me too, because they always thought I was blowing them off for training," Filosi said. "They didn't really understand why I had to do this."

Luckily, Filosi had the support of her family, best friend, and boyfriend behind her the whole

"It's so true that if you try your hardest, you can do anything. If you really try, and put your heart into it, there's no doubt you can succeed."

Danielle Filosi
SU Freshman

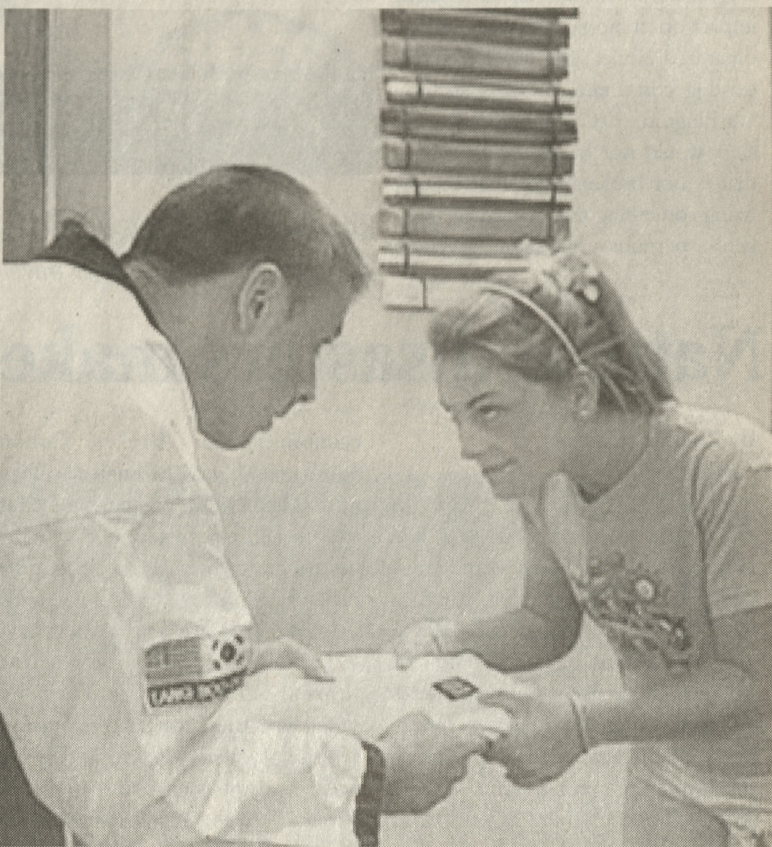
way, as well as her coach.

With Shane's help, Filosi received her yellow belt and com-

peted in a tournament in Rhode Island. She received first place in forms demonstration and was able to defeat a larger opponent 5-3.

The highlight for Filosi was what she gained from the experience. "I learned a lot about myself, and I learned to love something I never thought I'd have an interest in. It's taught me to be serious in situations where I need to be."

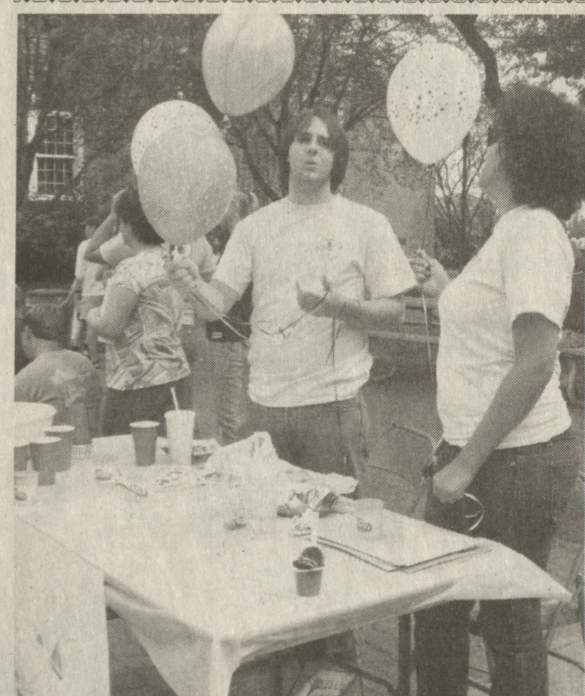
"It's so true that if you try your hardest, you can do anything," Filosi said. "If you really try, and put your heart into it, there's no doubt that you can succeed."



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Filosi bows to her coach Alec Shane, or "Mister Shane" as she called him. Shane is a black belt and a seasoned martial arts coach.

From the Photo Bank: FUN DAY!!!



April Katsirubas photo

Philosophy Club member Stephen Abresch waxes poetic about Fun Day.



Andrew Baker photo

Fun Day participants scale a rock wall provided by SU's Outdoor Club.



Brett Morgan photo

The jousting exhibition was put on by Paragon Jousting, a traveling group from New York. Recently, the troupe performed at the Great New York State Fair, and have also done shows at various Renaissance Fairs.



April Katsirubas photo

Members of the Salisbury University American Marketing Association interact with local parents and children at Fun Day.



Brett Morgan photo

Fun Day visitors watch in amazement as five-time national champion biker Mike Steidley pulls off some killer tricks. See front page story for more information on this past weekend's festivities.

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I'm a teenage girl in a great relationship with another girl who goes to my school. We both came out to our parents and some friends, with okay reactions. The problem is, I think a lot of the people we associate with are pretty homophobic, and word is getting out that we're dating. My parents worry we might be physically or verbally assaulted at school and our relationship is getting harder to handle with the stress of other people. Please help!

How frustrating and discouraging it can feel to be true to yourself and find a great relationship, yet be faced with homophobia, scrutiny, and the fear of violence. Your concerns are unfortunately not uncommon and are realistic. Coming out to yourself and to the people you care about is a courageous and self-affirming act. Your situation has many levels of complexity and no clear-cut resolution. You do, however, have options. You mention in your question that you're already aware that your parents are worried about your safety. Talking with them might be hard, but it'll likely also be a relief for both of you. It can be painful for parents to acknowledge that they cannot completely ensure that their child will not come to harm. Even when there's no immediate threat, it's common for parents of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered teens to feel anxiety and sometimes even guilt. It might help for your parents to talk to other parents in the same situation. PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) has local chapters in most

towns and an informative Web site as well. You and your girlfriend have a great relationship, but the fear of harm is certain to be a stressor. You might start by being honest with each other about your ideals and how you are going to balance these with protecting yourselves. There is no right or wrong decision here—it's just a matter of what makes you feel safe and comfortable.

My best friend is so competitive with me but we have never talked about it. Every time I'm wearing something trendy or saying something new, she will do the same thing. Should I really "waste" time talking to her about her competitiveness? Or, is there a way to hint at it or persuade her to do something original?

Competition between friends is normal and healthy as long as it's mutual to the friendship. Your friend's constant unwillingness to "do her own thing," however, even after confronting her about it, sounds frustrating and even threatening to your friendship. Maybe she admires you so much that she wants to mimic your every move. Her inability to seek out her own aspirations may be due to low self-esteem. The constant competition may be her outlet for coping with personal issues as well. Although it may be uncomfortable and seem unfair, perhaps it is time to revisit a heart to heart with your friend. You need to make sure you are saying exactly what you need to, and expressing all that you need. It is not a waste of time, since you still seem to be invested in your relationship. Based on your talk, you could work through the problem together and maintain and keep your friendship, or you may choose to cut your losses and move on. It may help to write a list of all of the good things you gain from being friends with her, and another for the not-so-good things. Good luck!

Information Desk implements new game system rental procedures



Sarah Lake photo

Two students play with the PlayStation 3 in Fireside Lounge. Policy changes have been implemented to protect both students and GUC property.

By Ashlee Laughlin
Staff Writer

Due to stolen property and negligence during game system checkouts, the Guerrieri University Center staff has upgraded checkout procedures that will serve to better protect both students and University property.

"In order to checkout any of the game systems you must register/re-register yourself at the Information Desk for game lending," said Kaitlyn Stiles, Information Desk Coordinator.

In addition to the registration process, all license or State identification numbers will be documented. One week after proper registry, individuals will be allowed to checkout any game system of choice. All of the games can be used in the Fireside Lounge and can be rented out for two hours at a time.

The new process for checking out games will be an effective way to re-

collect the property checked out, Stiles said.

Currently, the GUC has replaced the X Box 360 and is awaiting the replacement of the Nintendo Wii and PlayStation3 game systems. In the meantime, "students can continue to enjoy other game selections such as pool and table tennis until the arrival of the new systems," Stiles said.

The Information Desk offers usage of an X Box 360, a Nintendo Wii, and a PlayStation3 to anyone with an SU GUC card and a valid State ID. New this year, the Information Desk will offer Rock Band, in addition to Guitar Hero 3, which was available for student usage last semester. Other games include billiards, ping pong, foosball, and several board games.

Students should also go to the Information Desk to sign up for any upcoming GUC events, such as ping pong and pool tournaments and cooking classes.

Locals and students mingle at Salisbury Secret Art Society show



Leslie Pusey photo

"Hockey Crimes" by Ben Harris is currently displayed at the Parker Place gallery in Downtown Salisbury.

By Randon Ryland
Staff Writer

Saturday night, over one hundred locals, students, graduates and professors crowded into Parker Place Gallery, downtown off Main Street, for underground music performances and an eclectic art show, hosted by the Salisbury Secret Art Society (SSAS). The event was an effort to give artists, especially students, another location to connect and advertise themselves outside Salisbury University. "My friends and I were making art and had nowhere to show it; we had to find a place," said Tim Fields, co-director of SSAS.

The gallery showcased eight artists, both local graduates and undergraduates, featuring Claire Brisendine, Christian Peterson, Ingrid Harris, Ben Harris, Mike Kreiser and Melissa Zaro, to name a few. Beautiful ceramics, sculptures and elaborate paintings were hung and sold throughout the gallery. On the second floor, an interactive graphic design program was featured that involved viewer participation and entertained the crowd during the Secret Salisbury Art Society show.

music. Students were surprised to see a handful of professors outside of class, in a common social setting commenting on their work. "It's important and great to see this kind of involvement outside school. It gives people real impetus to continue and form a community," said Dr. Allison Chism, SU art faculty. "Art doesn't form in a vacuum, it always happens in a community. To see this kind of energy is very endearing, especially as a teacher, you want to see people go beyond the academic atmosphere." Drs. Jennifer and Preston Poe and Dr. Dean Peterson, of the Art Department, were also in attendance.

Mount Organ and Wozzeck featuring Lainey Prendeville and Friends, were the featured bands playing forms of music varying from old-fashioned, Kentucky bluegrass to shoegazer indie rock. "There aren't a lot of venues for bands to play besides the bars, and a lot of them don't get to play," Fields said. "It was great to perform with the underground art community in Salisbury," said Nathan Anderson, Wozzeck member and music education major at SU. Local bands Naked Brunch, Christian Ethics Committee and Mt. Organ will play at Parker Place October 10 at 7 p.m.

The main objective of SSAS is the collaboration of local and student art and the interaction between artists and the community. "In my eyes, it's nice to have a venue to showcase art by both students and locals. Students have the chance to meet locals who appreciate their work and vice versa," said Christian Peterson, SU alum and local artist. "It creates a mutually supportive relationship for both local and student artists and musicians."

"People don't create art for it to sit in their rooms; people's art is a visual experience," said Mike Genitis, SU alum, hostess and co-director of SSAS. "It gets different people here that would come for the music or art to experience different things."



Leslie Pusey photo

Mt. Organ members Jon Davis, Stevie Donoway and Dan Moreno entertain the crowd during the Secret Salisbury Art Society show.

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HEALTH COLUMN

How to stay healthy away from home



By Katie Murphy
Staff Writer

Everything is new and exciting for freshmen and transfer students when they arrive at college, except the added responsibility and loss of their support system. College students are faced with numerous challenges which they never had to deal with before.

"This is the first time students have to manage their own health," said Jennifer Berkman, the Director of Student Health Services. Berkman has some specific areas of concern with which college students tend to struggle.

Nutritional choices are left up to students for the first time in college. "A lot of the times, their mom is making healthy things for them to eat at home," Berkman said. "This all changes at school, because students can eat pizza every day if they want." Students have hectic schedules to deal with which makes it hard to eat well. "One time a day, sit down and have a good meal," Berkman said. Students on the run normally eat convenience food which lacks nutritional value. Eating convenience food makes it almost impossible to get the nutrition your body needs. Getting proper nutrition is important for building a healthy immune system, which will make you less likely to get sick.

Students tend to not realize when they are stressed out and overwhelmed. They ignore the emotional feelings of stress that once would have been pointed out by a parent. It is important for new students to find an appropriate way to relieve their stress, according to Berkman.

"Relationship issues are huge," Berkman said. Students start making decisions about relationships for the first time on their own. "It's the first time in your life where you start to think about becoming sexually active," Berkman said. Berkman advises students to "go slow rather than fast in a relationship." She also thinks students should, "take their time thinking through decisions." Students should also be sure to "stay true to their values and beliefs," Berkman said.

Time management is an area where all students struggle. Students should find an organizational system that works for them. "Some students put everything in their cell phones, others use a day planner," Berkman said. "The biggest problem is that people dig themselves in a trench," she added. This can be avoided by finding an organizational system and sticking to it.

Even the healthiest students will get sick during the course of a semester. When students do get sick, they can take advantage of the free self-care center at Student Health Services. "It is a good first stop when students have a mild cold or cough. They can get a two to three day supply of over the counter medications to treat common illnesses," Berkman said. The self-care center has packets put together for issues such as: canker sores, colds, constipation, cough, diarrhea, flu, headache, jock itch, menstrual cramps, sore throat, wound care, nausea and vomiting. The self-care center also has packets for strains/sprains along with male and female condoms.

Weekly Greek News

Why go Greek? Here's why.

By Andrew Kirkendall
Staff Writer

The question was posed, "why go Greek?" Such a simple question leads to a very complex answer. The short answer is that it looks good on a resume. To expand on that thought, it shows potential employers that you are dedicated, because membership in a Greek organization, any Greek organization, requires the dedication of an extensive amount of time. Also, by being a member of a Greek organization, it is showing a commitment to community service, because even if it is a social Fraternity or Sorority, it still requires its members to help with various fundraisers and activities that help to benefit the local community.

At the very least, it is another extracurricular activity, but it is more meaningful than membership in another club, because it means far more to employers and even more to the members themselves.

"Being Greek is more than wearing letters...Being Greek is being part of a brotherhood that will last a lifetime no matter where you go or who you're with. You can have everything taken away from you, but they can never take away your connection with your Greek Brothers," said Rafe Park, former president of Alpha Phi Omega and member of Kappa Sigma.

Being involved in a Greek organization means so much more. It means that you come from a long line of excel-

lence, and strive for nothing else. It means that you have a built-in support network - no matter what problems may arise, there are always people behind you ready to help at a moment's notice. After all, there is a reason why other members are referred to as brothers and sisters. "It's a great place to meet people of all sorts of backgrounds that come together to form one brotherhood; a bond that can't be broken by any outsider. Greek life is the best! End of story!" said Kanye Nlumbi, a member of Sigma Pi.

It is this aspect of Greek life which employers find most desirable. It is this dedication to the common good, this willingness to sacrifice the good of one's self for the betterment of the group, that employers find appealing.

In addition, going Greek can also open many doors far more easily than it would be for another non-Greek applicant, because of extensive alumni networks that span throughout the nation and in some cases the world. It is not guaranteed that going Greek will definitely aid you in furthering his or her career; however, it definitely gives one a competitive edge over the opposition for employment.

Face it, at the end of one's collegiate career, the training wheels are removed, and the real world begins. Why not go into the real world with an edge over the competition, and with a support network of brothers/sisters who are willing to help in any way possible?



Panhellenic photo

Members of the Panhellenic Association Executive Board Jenny Hackett, Mehwish Salim, John Stout (Student Life Coordinator), Lindsay Aulbach and Stephanie Dietz show off their Greek pride.

SU celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

By Amanda Durski
Staff Writer

The intricate music and rhythms of Chilean folksinger and songwriter Isabel Umanzor filled Salisbury University's Bistro last Wednesday. The music resounded while students, faculty and community members enjoyed foods such as avocado hummus, Mexican turkey breast and Puerto Rican beans. All these festivities were provided by the University to commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month.

Hispanic Heritage Month is a time of remembrance and celebration that began on September 15. It is a cultural experience that celebrates the customs and traditions of the United States residents whose heritage can be traced to Spain and Mexico as well as the Spanish-speaking areas of Central America, South America and the Caribbean.

The month is also an anniversary of the struggle and success of establishing independence in some Latin American countries. Hispanic families across the U.S. celebrate their cultural identity and are provided the chance to surround themselves with loved ones, food and music. Salisbury University present-

ed Umanzor to bring a Hispanic atmosphere to the campus.

Umanzor is a native of Santiago, Chile, but her love of sharing music with others brought her to the United States in 2001. Her experience includes 15 years on the guitar and playing with multiple groups as a session musician. She debuted an album in 2005 labeled Dime. Cuban ballads and Latin-American influences can be found in her music. In addition to being a musician, Umanzor is an artist. Her paintings inspire powerful feelings and emotions, just as her rhythms do. She even painted the art for the front cover of her album.

"Early, social, and intimate" is how Umanzor describes her music. Such unrestricted music was played at the Bistro on Wednesday. It was hard to talk over the passionate chords, beats and voices. Even though it was not in English, the overall feeling of the music was apparent. After each of Umanzor's songs, loud applause echoed throughout the room. Salisbury University students Rocío Trelles and Michelle Esparza commented on their enjoyment.

"The music reminded me of the legit Spanish culture," Trelles said. Esparza agreed. "It was good for people to hear this different type of music, to be exposed to it," she said. With rap, hip hop and pop music dominating the radio, it is both educational and enjoyable to hear music of Hispanic origin. Through it, one is able to experience a part of a culture and tradition that is life for many people around the world. Music is central in these lives and reflects their heritage.

"Family and culture are important for people. We live, feel and grow in both music and dance, and my music shows this. I have been playing music from my country of Chile for a long time, and now I get to play my music," Umanzor said.

Umanzor also addresses social issues in her music. "It is crucial to have respect for everything around us. Recycle and be wise," she said.

In events such as the Bistro's dinner and Umanzor's music at Salisbury University, the traditions and customs of a culture are exposed to the public. It is both educational and fun to experience different music, foods and events.

Hispanic Heritage Months lasts until October 15, but the Hispanic culture will live on for ages.

For more information on Isabel Umanzor, visit her Web site at www.isabelumanzor.com.

Solution to last week's puzzle

Name	Job	City	Age
Daniel	truck driver	Cleveland	21
Darren	pizza delivery	San Francisco	22
Greg	carpenter	Seattle	19
Patrick	waiter	New York	20

Kate Voegele and Virginia Coalition to headline SOAP's fall concert

By Laura Bounds
Staff Writer

Music heads to Salisbury University Sunday, October 5 with an electrifying concert featuring Kate Voegele and Virginia Coalition. The concert, put on by the SOAP Club, was the idea of last year's SOAP advisor, Jessica Mullins.

"Mullins saw Voegele perform last year at the Arundel Mills Mall and loved the performance so much that she immediately approached Voegele and her management and asked if she would like to perform at SU," said Jessica Hicks, President of SOAP. "Kate agreed and after that we started working hard to book and promote the show."

Voegele, also known as "Mia" from the popular WB series "One Tree Hill," is an insightful 20-year-old singer/songwriter from Bay Village, Ohio, whose deep powerful voice earned her first album, "Don't Look Away," national attention on television and Myspace.

Her big break came at 16, when demos she recorded with her father led the way to an opening slot at one of the John Mayer and Counting Crows' 2003 concerts. As



Internet photo

Virginia Coalition

Paul Ottinger on keyboards, percussion, guitar and vocals; and Jarrett Nicolay on bass, guitar, banjo and vocals.

Virginia Coalition has an original sound that is refreshing in today's familiar pop-culture music society. With their upbeat melodies and catchy beats, the group gives their fans a different sound that ranges from rock to pop to soul. Their latest album, "Home This Year," is written with stirring lyrics and sung with equally emotional intensity.

The band, who has known each other for 15 years, is constantly evolving and searching for new sounds. "We don't want to keep writing the same song over and over," Poliakoff said on the band's Website, www.virginiacoalition.com. "I'm proud to be part of a group of three friends who have gone from the basement and garage to maturity and making music that speaks from the heart. It's a struggle to make a great album, but we welcomed the opportunity to reinvent ourselves while staying true to the core of what we do."

Both artists will appear in Holloway Hall on Sunday, Oct. 5 at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale now for \$5 in the Student Activities Office, GUC 125. Tickets are limited to one per person with valid SU gull card.



Internet photo

Kate Voegele

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Alcohol education pilot program will continue until full implementation

By Ashlee Laughlin
Staff Writer

Alcohol Wise is an online alcohol education and prevention program designed by a company called Third Millennium Classroom. SU is in the process of evaluating this alcohol education program to later enhance the awareness of the students. The program consists of pretests and post-tests used to challenge the knowledge of the student body when it comes to alcohol. If implemented into the new student orientation courses, this program will add to the enhancement of subjects such as health and wellness.

Salisbury is using the internet to their advantage by including it in the methods used to educate students about the dangers of alcohol. The program

will also aid in the control of alcohol-related violations.

Alcohol Wise lessons include subjects such as blood-alcohol concentration, intoxication, perceptions of drinking and the effects it has on academia as well as social behaviors, to name a few.

"Alcohol Wise is an interactive computer-based educational workshop, along with a post-test and a follow-up check later in the semester," said John Stout, Coordinator of Student Life.

This fall will be the third semester of Salisbury University's "pilot study" of Alcohol Wise. "The study was commissioned and funded by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Student Health Services," Stout said. According to Stout, the Alcohol Wise program will cost each

participant \$7 for a two-hour long session.

"Approximately 250 first-year residential and commuter students will complete the course this semester," Stout said.

In the near future, Alcohol Wise may be an orientation requirement for the entire freshman population as well as any transfer students with less than 24 credit hours. The concept of using the internet as a source of alcohol education is to relate to a technology savvy generation. "First-year students are particularly a high-risk population, and institutions of higher education have a responsibility to educate and promote responsible decision-making," Stout said.

Already, SU has seen a tremendous amount of growth and significant

knowledge gains in those who have participated in the study, which has been demonstrated by test scores. Along with collecting the progress data of Alcohol Wise, Salisbury will be keeping record of all alcohol-related incidents that are affecting the students at the University.

The goal is to provide an effective as well as relevant way to convey knowledge of alcohol and the consequences of unsafe behavior. Salisbury University is focused on the quality of scholarship that students are receiving here. "We hope to see a positive impact on students' choices and behaviors, such as lower frequencies of binge drinking and drunk driving, and less alcohol-related code of conduct violations," Stout said.

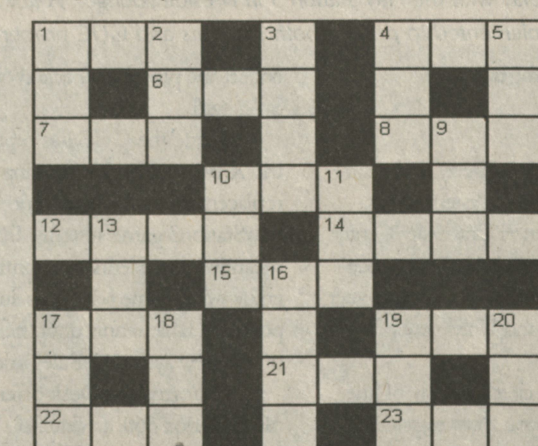
Being a service-based fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega is heavily involved in community service. "We try to do a minimum of two service projects per month," Wampole said. Relay for Life and volunteering at soup kitchens are

just a few of the many service projects on their service's resume. APO has also participated in park clean ups, volunteers at life crisis centers and sends letters and care packages to soldiers in a troop they host stationed in Afghanistan.

When compared to a social fraternity, "It's like apples and oranges," Woods said. Wampole made it obvious that at APO, they "value fellowship, but service comes first." Woods stated that many sororities and fraternities can "benefit from more balance between social and service orientation."

According to Woods, APO offers an "opportunity for people to experience charity and it is good to play a part in the community." For more inquiries about pledging Alpha Phi Omega, contact apouschapter@yahoo.com.

Number Crunchers



Across
1. Three times 19 down
4. 19 down minus five
6. 15 across plus eighty-three
7. 17 across minus 2
8. 18 down plus thirty-eight
10. 19 across minus sixty-six
12. 3 down plus forty-seven
14. 12 across doubled
15. 13 down minus 150
17. 20 down minus sixteen
19. 5 down minus 133
21. Minutes in four hours
22. Four times 4 across
23. Five times 10 down

Down
1. 12 across divided by eleven
2. 1 down plus twenty-five
3. Minutes in three days
4. Dozen in twelve gross
5. Seconds in five minutes
9. 17 down minus eleven
10. 11 down minus eight
11. Minutes in three hours
13. 3 down divided by twelve
16. 23 across doubled
17. 14 across divided by eleven
18. 4 down times three
19. Months in nine years
20. 3 down divided by six

Check out next week's edition for the answers!

Unordinarily S(h)ane

The Digital Mask

By Shane Hill
Staff Writer

Technology: friend or foe? Oftentimes we're so consumed in technology that we forget we're even using it. Last week in the TETC building - one of the last places you'd expect to have anything technologically obsolete - I ran into a problem. As I stood there pressing the screen trying to get my papers to print, I was afraid it was frozen or that I broke it some how. Little did I know it was mouse-operated. Even scarier are those who hide behind a digital mask. So I question, when it comes to the affairs of the heart and intimate social interaction, has the computer gone too far?

When wearing a mask, your emotion never comes through. So if the mask frowns you're sad, if it smiles you're happy. Pretty restricted when compared to the vast range of emotions humans are capable of expressing. In the same sense, there's a trend of digital masks going around these days. The other day I talked to an old acquaintance whose boyfriend broke up with her via text message and I thought, "How convenient." You

don't even have to put emotions into a text, which is why it makes them so easy to send, yet so hard to read and interpret.

She's not the only one I've seen broken up with via text and, almost worst, a Myspace message. The digital mask is particularly scary because it seems to say that our emotions can be digitalized.

Now we can effortlessly poke, stalk and be creepers on internet communities. In fact, if I had a dime for every time a friend of mine, or even I, went through every Facebook picture of someone I liked, I'd be a millionaire in a day guaranteed. But isn't showing yourself and putting in the emotion worth the effort, with the payback twice as rewarding?

I met a guy who couldn't text for two weeks because even unlimited text was limited to his love for texting, and that love came at about 1,783 texts a day. As if that wasn't excessive I actually knew someone who used a digital mask to pursue a lover. They lost the lover and ended with an addiction. And that addiction was compulsive lying.

From the Suggestion Box...

This column is based on the comments and concerns of students, faculty, and staff via the suggestion boxes online at www.salisbury.edu/suggestionbox. The President's Office seeks responses to the issues raised from appropriate campus personnel. Not everything can be fixed, but a reasoned explanation can be offered. Keep those suggestions coming!

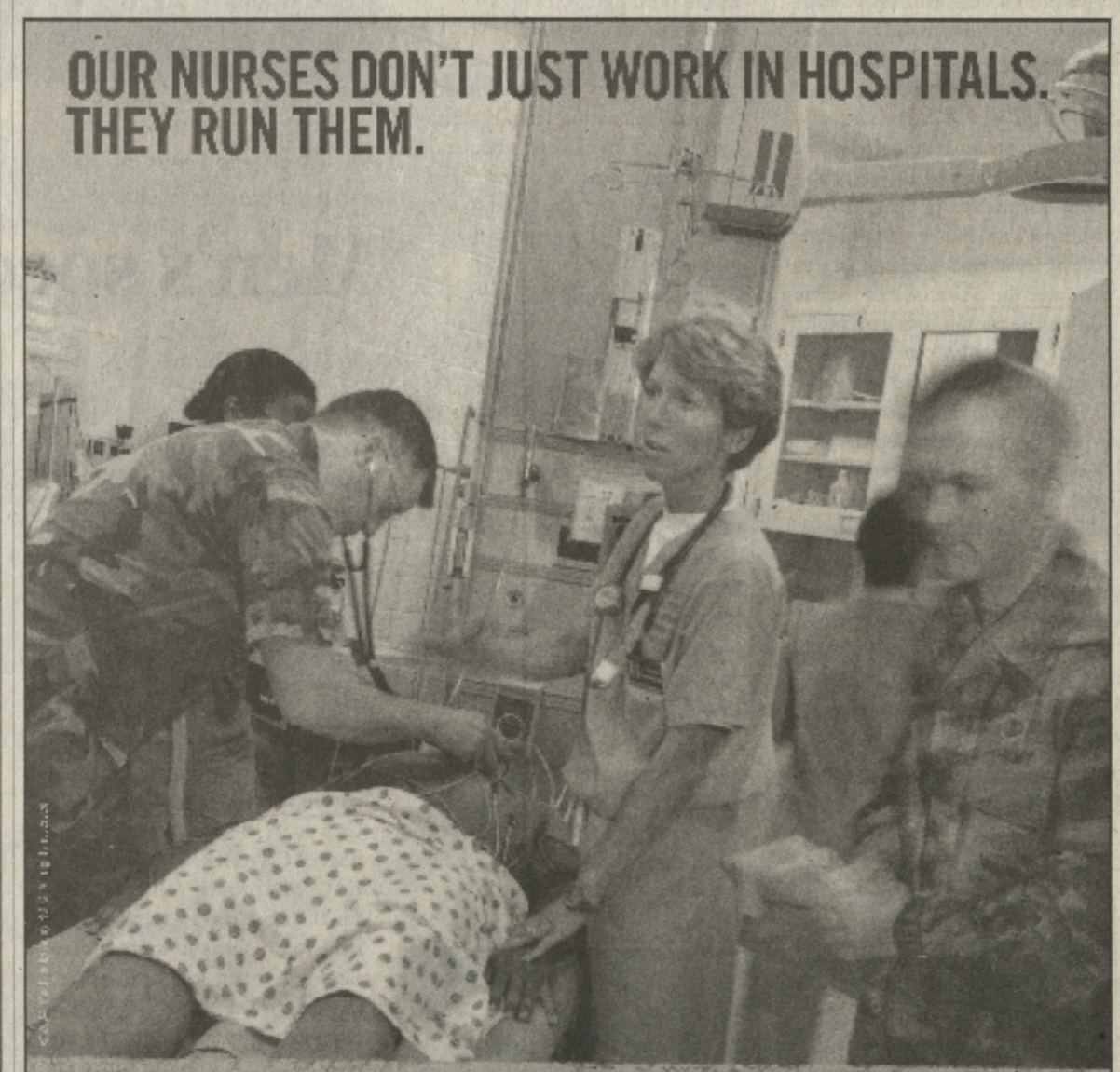
From the Suggestion Box

1. "Please take a look at every other Maryland University and see how they have 'Special Back to School Hours' at their Bookstores. Both Towson and University of Maryland have Saturday hours because they understand that students need their books!"

2. "I have been to three colleges in my lifetime and SU is the first to ever have its school Bookstore closed the first weekend back. It is ridiculous that there are no Saturday hours. I even checked Wor-Wic Community College's Bookstore and they have Saturday hours. How am I supposed to buy my schoolbooks when the Bookstore is closed? I work and go to school and the

Lisa Gray, Director of the University Bookstore, responded:

"The Bookstore's extended hours actually began on August 28th, when freshman arrived at campus. We were open the first Saturday before class and Labor Day to allow working students and commuters the opportunity to shop, and we offered extended weekday evening hours. Students also have the option to order books via our Web site and have them shipped the automated service. THERE NEEDS TO BE SATURDAY HOURS AT THE SCHOOLS BOOKSTORE! You sure there are SU students who also work, that would agree."



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Football prevails against CNU, 38-21

By Chris Brown
Staff Writer

The No. 8 Salisbury University football team improved to 3-0 on the season as the Gulls defeated Christopher Newport University, 38-21. The Captains scored first as Salisbury was marred by early mistakes, but senior superback Shelby Fisher's touchdown run in the second quarter and a 32-yard field goal by freshman kicker Tommy Kowalik gave the Gulls a 10-7 lead at the half. "The field goal gave us momentum going into halftime and then after Coach Wood's speech, I said it was time to step it up," Fisher said.

Salisbury began the second half with a 10 play 72 yard scoring drive and by the fourth quarter the Gulls had raced out to a 31-7 lead. "The word is opportunity," head coach Sherman Wood said. "We had opportunities early on, but we did not take advantage." Salisbury blocked a Christopher Newport field goal attempt in the first quarter, but fumbled the ball on the next possession. A 33 yard punt return by sophomore Zach Holbrook put Salisbury on the Captains' 26 yard line in position to score, but a Fisher fumble on the third down gave the ball back to Christopher Newport.

Fisher carried the ball 16 times for 109 yards and two touchdowns, while senior quarterback Ronnie Curley ran for 75 yards and a score. Junior slot William



Daniel McFarland photo
Ronnie Curley drops back to throw a pass against Christopher Newport on Saturday. Salisbury won 38-21. Curley ran for 75 yards and a touchdown.

Midgette added 70 rushing yards and a touchdown, as the Gulls accumulated 337 yards on the ground including 255 in the second half. "We were trying to make big plays, but they were getting to the ball faster in the first half. We were able to be much more physical in the second half," Fisher said.

"We were able to stretch the

game and widen the margin in the second half," Wood said. Christopher Newport quarterback Matt Long threw two interceptions and was sacked three times by the Salisbury defense. Junior linebacker Josh Leonardis had 11 tackles, while seniors Matt Barnes and Jarrell Chandler each contributed 10 tackles, respectively. Senior defensive lineman

Paul Cynewski totaled eight tackles including five for a combined loss of 26 yards and had two sacks. "We weren't aggressive enough to dictate the game defensively like we wanted to," Wood said. "That wasn't our team out there in the first half. We weren't reading our keys defensively, and that is not the character of our team."

Defensive back Justin Acker's interception in the second quarter set up Salisbury's first touchdown. In the fourth, senior Matthew Bookard took a Christopher Newport pass the other way for a 51-yard touchdown return.

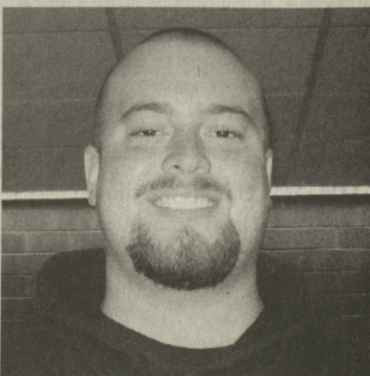
Salisbury was without starting kicker Andrew Geisert, who tweaked his hip this week during practice. Freshmen Paul Bergstrom and Kowalik filled in for the injured junior. Bergstrom handled the kickoff duties averaging 58 yards a kick in six chances and Kowalik's 32-yard field goal at the end of the second quarter gave the Gulls their first lead of the game.

"Christopher Newport played a very good game. They had a great game plan for us," Wood said. Salisbury is 5-2 in their history against the Captains. Both of CNU's victories have been at Sea Gull Stadium, in 2004 and 2006. Last year, Salisbury won 35-21 on the strength of three rushing touchdowns in the final seven minutes of the game. This was CNU's first game of the season after last week's home opener against Wesley College was canceled because of Tropical Storm Hanna.

Next week, Salisbury will head north for a game against Delaware Valley College. The Aggies are 1-1, and won their last contest against conference rival Wesley 25-22.

Student Athlete Spotlight

Jeremy McKinney



Telexia Taylor photo
Jeremy McKinney

By Ben Muel
Staff Writer

You may not notice him, but every week he's out there. You will not see him running the option or coming up with a key sack, but senior offensive lineman Jeremy McKinney is a huge part of Salisbury's offense. The 6'4" 287 lbs. Gaithersburg native was named All-CAC First Team last season, which was his first as a starter. J-Mac, as those close to him more commonly know him, is currently majoring in Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution.

What are your future plans? Well I have at least one more semester after this year here at SU. But after that, I plan on going back home to Montgomery County joining the police department and maybe joining SWAT or SAT.

What is your favorite kind of music? I enjoy all types of music from The Carter 3 to Hank Williams Jr. What is something people don't know about you? I enjoy moonlit walks on the beach and the smell of fresh roses and I always love a good box of chocolates.

What is your favorite NFL team? Hail to the Redskins, but I'll root for anyone who's playing Dallas. Outside of football what do you like to do? (Laughing) There isn't much time outside of football right now. But I would have to say I spend my time relaxing. I play a lot of NCAA 09 and Call of Duty 4. But, I'll work over any of my teammates in Madden or NBA LIVE.

Who are you going to vote for? I actually have to talk to my mom about getting an absentee ballot. Right now I'm still undecided. Both are good men with good ideas about how to make our country better, but neither has really sold me yet.

How does being named All-CAC last season motivate you this year? It motivates me to be even more. As a team we didn't accomplish our goals, so obviously I need to play even harder and be even better.

What does it mean to you to have five seniors starting on the Offensive Line? It's really nice. Really though, we have seniors all over the field and it goes a very long way towards helping us achieve our goals. But to have a group of five guys who came in together and have worked hard over the last four years and who know and execute their assignments it helps the quarterbacks because they know they can trust us.

What was it like playing in Salisbury's first night game? Having the home opener at night was awesome. To be a part of campus history and to come out and play a quality opponent and to put on a show like that in front of that size crowd - it was some kind of experience. It will surely be one I will never forget.

The Sea Gulls will once again head into another week undefeated and at the top of their conference as they visit the Goucher College Gophers this Tuesday afternoon in Towson, MD. The Sea Gulls defeated Goucher 6-0 last season in a home win.

defensive backs Benjamin Reed and Kevin Mongello. The Sea Gulls continued their undefeated standing through Saturday afternoon, as they were once again the hosts of the affair, this time to the Lynchburg College Hornets in a grudging, hard-fought bout. In a match-up where the Hornets steadily maintained possession of the ball throughout, it was the Sea Gulls who would draw first blood with a downfield score by junior defensive back Benjamin Reed, with just 55 seconds remaining before the end of the first half. From then on, there would be a fierce, defensive struggle between the two teams. No goal was scored until 1:20 p.m. before the end of the second half, when Hornet sophomore forward Mike Napolitano, who scored two goals in the contest, the Sea Gulls combined for a total of 50 shots attempted, including an astounding 27 of those attempted shots on goal.

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Telexia Taylor photo
Kevin Mongello keeps the ball away from a Lynchburg player. Salisbury soccer defeated Gallaudet and Lynchburg last week.

Men's soccer still undefeated

By Therrian Dennis
Staff Writer

The No. 17 SU men's soccer team (8-0, CAC 1-0) ended the week at the top of the Capital Athletic Conference after a landslide victory against conference rival Gallaudet University and an exciting, double-overtime 2-1 thriller against non-conference Lynchburg College.

The Sea Gulls kept this week's undefeated reign last Tuesday afternoon, as they hosted the winless Gallaudet University Bison at the SU Soccer Complex. The Bison (0-7, CAC 0-2) proved to be no match for the host team as they were held to no shots in their embarrassing 8-0 rout. Led by sophomore forward Mike Napolitano, who scored two goals in the contest, the Sea Gulls combined for a total of 50 shots attempted, including an astounding 27 of those attempted shots on goal.

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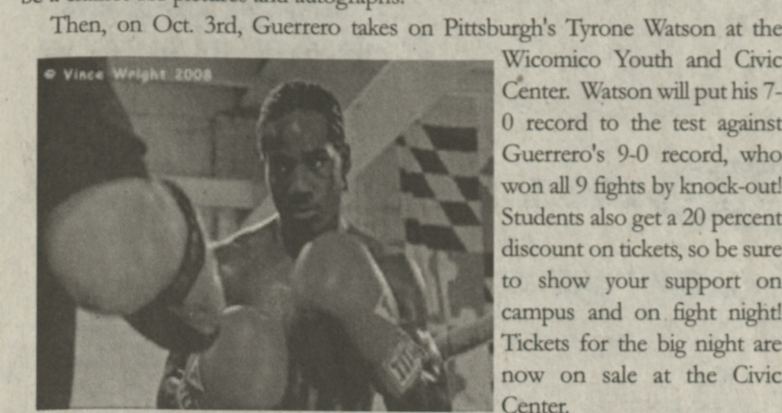
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Cross Country has high hopes for upcoming season

By Tom Watson
Staff Writer

It looks to be another championship season for the 2008 Salisbury University Cross Country team. The men's team is hunting for their fourth straight CAC championship heading into this season. Head Coach Jim Jones, who refers to them as his "dream team," said that "after 10 years, we are finally at a point where the runners want to work, they want to get better and they are all working towards one goal."

The men will be anchored by senior leaders Zach Dickerson and Ben Thomas who "are extraordinary leaders; they're leading workouts, making sure everyone is on the same page, and getting the team for meets," Jones said. Last season, SU placed seven runners on all-CAC teams. Jones also recorded his third consecutive CAC coach of the year award.

Next to Dickerson and Thomas, Jones is relying on junior transfer Travis Booher, sophomore and 2007 CAC rookie of the year Chris Barnard, senior Carl Biekle, freshman Trevor Keen and sophomore Sam Boimov. "Chris is running extremely well and Sam has done lots of good work toward this season," Jones said.

If the men are the dream team then the women are certainly the "redeem team," as they are setting out to bring the CAC back to

Salisbury after their second place finish in 2007. Though all-CAC first team runner Kelly Sullivan, who will miss the season due to injury, hampers the women Sea Gulls they are still confident they can contend for a championship.

"They are a hard working group of girls, who put the team first," Jones said. The women's strength relies not on the ability of one or two runners to place highly, but in their ability to run in "packs," as Jones believes there are four or five women who can finish in the top eight each race. Jones expects seniors Jenn Bulger and Amy DeMichele to do "big things" this season as the team leaders. Sophomores Kristin Stromberg (all-CAC first team), Masha Berge and Megan Blue and freshmen Emily Powell and Becca Stinner will look to contribute as well.

As for the NCAA tournament, Jones feels that the men's team has the best opportunity to qualify as a team. "Our first goal is to win the CAC, to put ourselves in position," Jones said.

In their first meet this year the men and women's teams both finished in first. At the Waynesburg Invitational, the men finished third while the women claimed the seventh spot. Their next meet is on Sept. 27. There are 20 teams competing, making it the largest race that he's hosted in his 10 years at SU. Salisbury cross country has never won both home meets in one season.

Editor's Corner

Self-proclaimed new "SU" can't hang with the real SU

By Jeffrey Southworth
Sports Editor

Salisbury's dominance on every athletic field and court has led to countless amounts of trophies, awards and All-Americans. The standard set by our beloved Sea Gull athletes and coaches has provided a simple formula for those college and university athletic programs that cannot seem to keep up. The formula seems to be: if you can't beat them, join them. That is what Stevenson University, formerly Villa Julie, might have had in mind when deciding to become "The New SU."

Stevenson University t-shirts and an article in their weekly school paper suggest "there is a new SU in town." Stevenson might want to consider a little more than a name change to try and compete with our Sea Gulls; maybe new uniforms to complete their make-over, I heard maroon and gold make nice uniforms.

The t-shirts circling around the Stevenson campus shows a Mustang kicking and knocking down Sammy the Sea Gull. A pretty bold piece of artwork suggesting that the Mustangs think they're ready to dethrone our Sea Gulls from atop the athletic mountain.

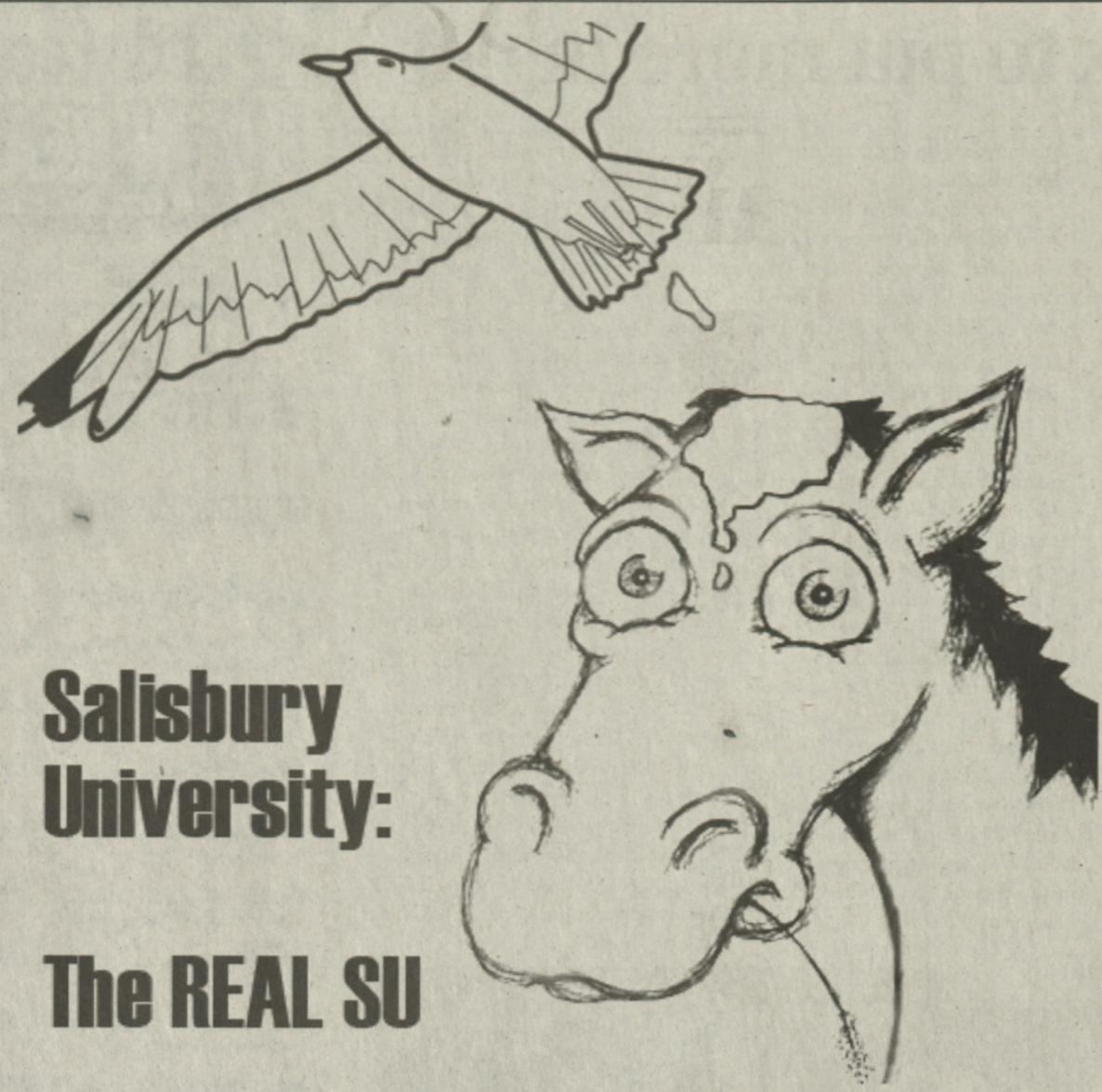
To make the statement that there is a new SU in town is a little bold, considering Villa Julie athletics weren't in the same country as Salisbury last season, nonetheless our town. Stevenson's inability to field a football team is the first thing that left me scratching my head after reading about their apparent presence in athletics.

I wonder if this town Stevenson claims to have entered has a baseball diamond, because it did not for Villa Julie. Last year, SU baseball went 3-0 with a total score of 38-3. The size of the diamond did not matter either; SU softball went 2-0 against the Villa Julie with a total score of 16-2.

I hope Stevenson packed some court shoes and basketballs in their town shift because our Gulls did not play nice last year against the Mustangs in volleyball or basketball. SU volleyball beat Villa Julie 3-1, while SU men and women's basketball combined to go 3-1 against the Mustangs.

Maybe I have been a little harsh and not very supportive of Villa Julie's decision to become "The New SU." Let's look at the positives, in women's lacrosse last year Villa Julie scored nine goals, but our Gulls scored 44, so not much of a positive. But in all seriousness Villa Julie's most positive resemblance to our Sea Gulls was their men's lacrosse team. Although they still did not beat our Gulls, they put up their best effort. We beat them 13-12 in our first meeting and 20-10 in our second meeting, which came in the CAC championship game.

I am all for positive and competitive attitudes, trash talking and even stealing team mascots [if in the spirit of fun school rivalry] but for Stevenson to claim there is a "new SU in town" is not how I would have started my first athletic season under a new name. So this goes out to all Sea Gull athletes, coaches and fans: let's show Stevenson what it takes to be recognized as SU, because even though there may be a "new SU" in town, the old sheriff remains on duty. Go Gulls.



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The No. 6 field hockey team (5-2, CAC 1-0) dropped two games this past week losing to No. 8 Johns Hopkins 1-0 on Wednesday and falling to No. 6 Messiah on Saturday 3-2.

On Wednesday, JHU scored the games only goal with no time left on the clock off a penalty corner. This was the first regular season loss suffered by SU in 20 games. Junior All-American Lauren Correll led the Gulls with five shots, four on goal.

Against Messiah, SU went up early after two goals by Correll in the first five minutes. The Falcons scored one goal in the first and two in the second to defeat SU 3-2.

SPEAK OUT AND BE HEARD

Weekly Quick Pics



Brett Morgan photo
Salisbury and Wesley battle it out during a conference showdown Wednesday, SU wins 1-0.



Telexia Taylor photo
Justin McGrath chases the ball during the weekend game against Lynchburg.



Dan McFarland photo
Stephanie Withers serves the ball during the Salisbury Sea Gull Classic.

SALISBURY SPORTS CALENDAR

Tuesday-9/23

*4 p.m. Men's Soccer @ Goucher
*7 p.m. Volleyball vs. Wesley

Wednesday-9/24

*7:30 p.m. Field Hockey @ Rowen

Thursday-9/25

Friday-9/26

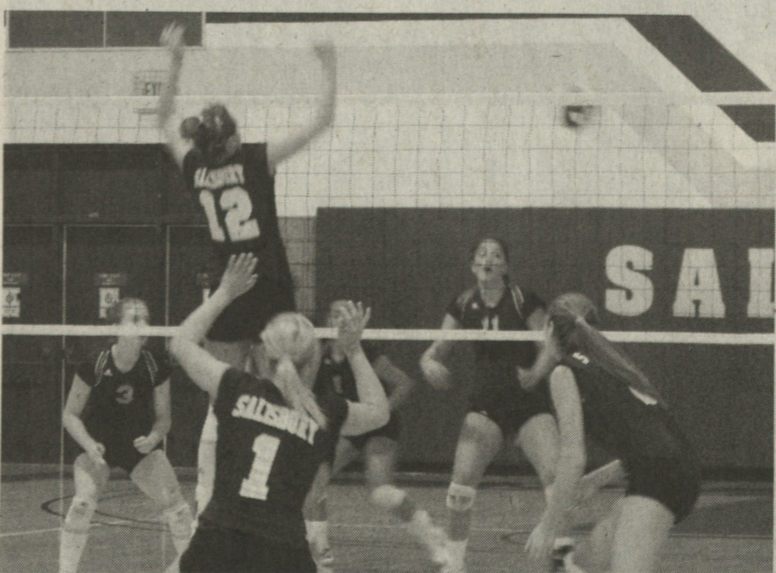
*4 p.m. Volleyball Sea Gull Invitational

Saturday-9/27

*10 a.m. Cross Country Don Cathcart Invitational
*12 p.m. Volleyball Sea Gull Invitational
*1 p.m. Field Hockey vs. York (Pa.)
*1 p.m. Football @ Delaware Valley
*1 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. York (Pa.)
*2 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. York

Sunday-9/28

Monday-9/29



Daniel McFarland
MVP Nicole Massarelli jumps in for the block against Virginia Wesleyan. Salisbury was undefeated during the Sea Gull Classic.

Gulls look to put more in net

By Shawn Nisson
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University women's soccer (3-2-3, CAC 1-0-1) team kicked off their conference schedule this week as the Gulls took on Wesley on Wednesday and then had a showdown with Stevenson on Saturday.

On Wednesday, defensive pressure paid off for the Gulls, as they turned a Wesley mistake into early offense. Four minutes into the contest senior Wesley defender Becky Kreps attempted to clear the ball from within her own box. However, SU team captain Christina Eury stepped into the ball's path deflecting it off of her chest and into the net, collecting her first goal of the season.

Salisbury continued to control the run of play as any advance up the field by the Wolverines was quickly shut down by the SU mid-field. The Sea Gulls pressure on the ball stifled Wesley as they could

only muster two shots, neither of which were on goal.

Numerous times the Gulls advanced into Wesley territory only to lack the creative spark needed to score a goal. Salisbury's best opportunity to double their lead came in the 78th minute as junior defender Hillary Grove fired a shot to the top left hand corner of the net from 22 yards out forcing Kim Fearnbach to stretch out and make a nice save. While Salisbury registered 17 shots, nine of which were on goal, the Gulls could not manage to put another tally on the board.

"Just like the last time we had good opportunities, a lot of opportunities just you know were not getting the ball in the net after the fact," said head coach Jim Nestor. "So we've got to keep working on quality opportunities, quality finishes. We need to get more people in the box and get a little bit more balance in the box."

On Saturday, the Gulls faced off with an old foe with a new name as Stevenson University, formerly Villa Julie College, traveled to Salisbury for a CAC showdown. The two teams battled back and forth, however in 110 minutes of play neither team could scratch the scoreboard as the game ended in a scoreless double overtime tie.

Salisbury out shot Stevenson 11-9, and registered five shots on goal to the Mustangs three. Each team also recorded one shot in each of the overtime periods, but neither SU's Gena Goodson, who recorded her third shutout of the season, or her counterpart Brittany Ross would surrender a score.

"It's what we said all week in practice," Nestor said, "do whatever it takes to get that finish, if it's being a little bit more selfish or maybe getting a little more creative in that final third and inside the box to get a little better window for better opportunities, we need to be able to finish."



Brett Morgan photo

Samantha Ondrejcek looks to pass to Christina Eury against conference rivals Wesley College Wolverines. Salisbury Sea Gulls won 1-0 on Wednesday.

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